

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
DRIVERS SELECTION PROGRAM
PENALTY POINT SYSTEM

In determining a driver's eligibility to drive a university vehicle, a Driver's Penalty Point System will be used. The following penalty points shall be assessed for convictions of violations as shown in the Texas Department of Public Safety records:

Three-point assessments: Conviction for any hazardous traffic violation within the past three-year period which does not contribute to a traffic accident.

For the purpose of the university's driver's penalty system, a hazardous traffic violation means "any act committed in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle on a public street or highway, which constitutes a hazard to traffic, and is prohibited by state law or city ordinance." Hazardous violations shall include parking on pavement and all equipment violations except overweight violations. Some examples of three-point assessments are:

- Speeding
- Ran Stop Sign
- Ran Red Light
- Improper Left Turn
- Improper Right Turn
- Improper "U" Turn
- Other Improper Turn
- Illegal Backing
- Improper Passing
- Defective Vehicle
- Defective Brakes
- Following Too Close
- Speed Contest
- Illegal Signal
- Lane Violation
- Improper Lookout
- Unnecessary Noise
- Passing in No-passing Zone
- Driving on Wrong Side of Road
- Failure to Yield Right-of-Way
- Improper Flashing Lights (Red)
- Wrong Way on One-way Street
- Violation of D.L. Restriction
- Reckless or Careless Driving
- Negligent or Careless Collision
- Failure to Stop and Give Info

Four-point assessments: Conviction for any hazardous traffic violation within the past three-year period that contributes to a traffic accident. Some examples of four-point assessments are:

- Conviction for failure to yield right-of-way offense that contributes to an accident
- Conviction for failure to control speed violation that contributes to an accident
- Conviction for failure to signal intention that results in an accident

Ten-point assessments: Ten penalty points shall be assessed for conviction of any of the following violations within the time period specified:

- Driving while intoxicated (three-year period)
- Aggravated assault with motor vehicle (seven-year period)
- Driving under the influence of drugs (five-year period)
- Murder without malice with motor vehicle (seven-year period)
- Homicide by vehicle (seven-year period)
- Failure to stop and render aid (five-year period)

Any person must have nine or less penalty points to be eligible to drive a university vehicle.

Additional information: Department and administrative heads should be aware that some entries appearing on a traffic record are not convictions for traffic offenses. No penalty points will be assessed for these entries. Some examples are:

- False statements of driver license application
- Permit unlawful use of driver license
- Fail to surrender suspended items
- Display fictitious driver license
- Violate promise to appear
- Petition – habitual violator, D.W.I., etc.
- Re-examination (date is given)
- Suspension – safety responsibility or habitual violator