

Dear Students/Families and Customers of Start Smart Driving Academy LLC,

It is with deep sadness that we announce the permanent closure of Start Smart Driving Academy LLC, effective Sunday, May 31, 2026. The decision to close was primarily due to the death of one of the owners and operational challenges such as having a school vehicle stolen from our parking lot, rising cost of fuel, commercial insurance, rent and increased wages to attract employees. The State of Colorado has been notified of Start Smart's closure.

All future 30-hour driver education classes, behind-the-wheel lessons, and driving test appointments are cancelled. Unfortunately, Start Smart Driving Academy is unable to issue any refunds for cancelled and/or unused services, as the business will be filing for bankruptcy.

Completed Lessons: For families/students that have completed some but not all of their behind-the-wheel lessons with us, these completed lessons have been entered into the State of Colorado system so that you will receive credit for what you have completed thus far. Please check your email inbox as well as your spam/junk folders for these automated emails from the State.

Alternative Schools: For families/students that still have remaining driver education and testing services owed to them, a list of other State of Colorado certified driving schools is available on the Colorado DMV website, or you can click on "Driving Schools" on the website below:

<https://dmv.colorado.gov/drivereducation>

Driver Testing and Education: The State is also available to answer general questions regarding driver education requirements at dor_decs@state.co.us.

It has been an honor working with you in providing driver education and testing services in Lakewood since 2017. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this closure will cause.

We wish you all a future of safe driving.

Yours in Safe Driving,
Start Smart Driving Academy LLC