

Parent Forum Spring Workshop



Driver Education Theory Class Curriculum

The classroom theory course emphasizes sound principles of highway safety, student's responsibility in operating a motor vehicle, and endeavors to show students the effect of physical, mental, and emotional traits on safety. This course includes presentations and discussions on:

- Safety and Responsibility when operation a motor vehicle
- Basic and Advance Driving Techniques.
- Strategies for defensive driving, including
 - Driving in Adverse conditions
 - Driving attitudes
 - Pedestrian safety
- Traffic laws and enforcement
- Vehicle emergencies including accident procedure
- Vehicle purchasing, insuring & maintenance
- Alcohol & drugs use and abuse
- Gift of Life (Organ Donation)

Our goal in providing this theory instruction course is to prepare competent, skillful, and responsible young drivers who should have the right attitude towards safe driving and will, hopefully assist in reducing accidents on the streets and highways.

The theory class is offered in 10th grade as a semester course to all students. If a student can not schedule the course at that time, it is also offered during the summer. The course usually runs two weeks during the end of June and in the middle of July. There is a fee for this summer theory course. Registration for the summer course is done during the months of May and June in the Guidance Office.



Driver Training Behind-the-Wheel Curriculum

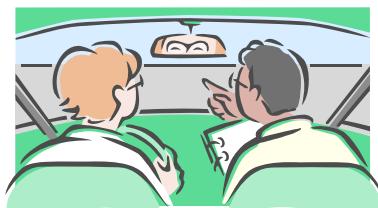


The Behind-the-Wheel driver training instruction is considered an extension of the classroom. It provides the beginning driver the opportunity to apply, practice, and be evaluated on the various skills needed for driving. The instruction is given in a dual-control car, which has a brake pedal for the instructor's use as well as other special safety equipment. The skill lessons presented shall be experiences necessary to develop a safe and efficient driver. Instruction is given in both off-street and on-street designated areas:

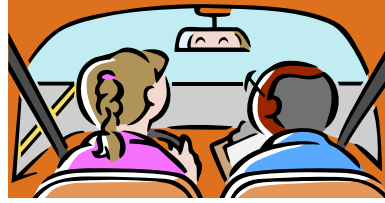
Pre-ignition procedures; starting & stopping; types of parking; right and left turns; visual search procedure; rules & responsibility at intersections (signs & markings) identifying locations of hidden side roads, lanes & driveways; entering & leaving flow of traffic; traffic control signals; crosswalks & stop lines; multiply lanes & shopping area traffic; variable speed & sight distances; entering & existing expressways; interchanges; cooperating with other drivers; measuring distance with time, passing, multiple lanes; protected/unprotected turns: rural, residential, city, open highway, urban/business, & expressway area driving

Behind-the-Wheel driver training is offer year round for those students with a valid driver's learner's permit or driver's license. Students interested in the behind-the-wheel driving program may register with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21.

For registration visit their web site: www.cliu.org under the resource tab click on Student Driver Education. For more information on this program call 610-769-4111, Ext 1299 or 1-800-223-4821, Ext 1299.



The driving program takes 6 sessions to complete. Each session lasts 1 hour. With the completion of the curriculum's 15 driving skill lessons each student receives 6 hours of instructions, which meets the state requirement for the Behind-the-Wheel program. There is a fee for the program. Any questions you may contact the CLIU.21.



Driver's License Testing

The Driver Education Program offers students the opportunity to take their **DRIVERS LICENSE TEST** at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21. This test replaces the need to test with the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles for a junior license. To qualify for this license test a student must complete the behind-the-wheel driving lessons and complete the Driver Education classroom theory instruction.

Students taking the driving test will need to bring with them their learner's permit, a parent consent form allowing the CLIU to administer the license test and a DL-180C form. Parents must sign the DL-180C form, in the presence of a notary or one of the certified test instructors.

Driver Education Certificate

To qualify for the **Drivers Education Certification**, students must successfully complete the 30 classroom hours and a 6 hours behind-the-wheel instruction program. Many insurance companies recognize these education programs by granting a “**Drivers Education Insurance Discount**” to young drivers who complete both the classroom and behind-the-wheel programs. At the successful conclusion of both programs a Drivers Education Certificate will be issued to the student.



Parkland High School Driver Education Web Site Information

Answers to many questions may be found on the Parkland High School Driver Education Web Site at <http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsde/> . This web site is set up in an easy, user friendly format. Categories are set up for answering questions regarding the Parkland Drivers Education program. This includes class room theory course information and behind-the-wheel driving lesson information. Learner's permit and licensing information as well as needed application forms can also be found on the web site. Links to the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation are available for parent and student too. These links allow our Parkland Community faster access to the state sites. Information is available to keep our parents informed with the latest changes in the law as well as providing the students with a web site link for practice question while preparing for the learner's permit test.



Procedure for Applying for a Learner's Permit

Acquire a Pennsylvania Manual for Drivers from an examination point or at <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/> (also linked from the Parkland High School Driver Education Web Site).

This may be done several months before one wish to obtain a learner's permit. Students should study this booklet and prepare for the computer test at the DMV. On the student's 16th birthday or thereafter, apply at any DMV examination Center with the following:

- Completed medical qualification form, DL-180, which is included in the Drivers Manual.

Visit a Driver License Center with:

- The completed DL-180
- A completed DL-180TD (if under the age 18). This form must be completed by a parent or guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or older.
- Proof of identity—Birth Certificate (listed on the reverse side of the DL-180)
- Acceptable verification of social security number
- Check or money order for the required permit fee

Eye screening and knowledge test will be given. Once passed a learner's permit will be issued. The learner's permit is valid for one year.