

USD 250 SUMMER DRIVER ED.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the dates for Summer Driver Ed. this year?

The classroom portion of the program will take place weekdays, Tuesday, May 28th through Wednesday, June 12th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no class on Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day). The small group driving instruction sessions will vary from student to student, but will take place sometime during the month of June (and into July if needed).

How much does Summer Driver Ed. cost?

The cost of Summer Driver Ed. is \$100.00 per student.

When is the money due?

The full payment of \$100.00 is due by Friday, May 10th. **You may make payments for as much or as little as you wish leading up to that point, but the amount must be paid in full by the end of the business day May 10th.*

Can I make payments instead of paying the whole amount all at once?

Yes. You may make payment installments for as much or as little as you wish at any point leading up to the deadline, as long as the total of \$100.00 is reached by that deadline, which is the end of the business day May 10th.

What if we sign up to take the course, but then change our minds?

If you initially sign up to take Summer Driver Ed., but change your mind for any reason, please contact the PHS office or the instructor of the course as soon as possible so that another student may have the spot. Payments are non-refundable, so unfortunately, if you have already made any payments, you will not receive a refund.

What if we have a conflict with some of the dates of the class?

If you have conflicts with the dates, then you should not sign up for Summer Driver Ed. There are so few days for classroom instruction time and so much to learn, missing class is just not feasible. When you sign up to take Summer Driver Ed., you are making a commitment for 2-3 weeks of learning that will benefit you and others for the rest of your life. If you can't make it work this summer, you could consider taking Driver Ed. during the school year or maybe next summer instead. A commercial driving school would also be an option.

But what if we have a family vacation/dance camp/baseball tournament...?

Please refer to the response to the question immediately preceding this one. (Don't sign up for Summer Driver Ed.)

My coaches frown on me missing out on Summer Weights!?

The coaches are aware that students taking Summer Driver Ed. may need to leave early from, or arrive late to, weights/practice for those couple of weeks. They understand the importance of our program and believe that students learning to become safe, responsible drivers is the top priority.

How does the behind-the-wheel (driving) portion of the class work?

Students will be given several choices for days and times to drive, and they can select which ones work best for them. Each driving instructor will take students in groups of three for a minimum of five sessions. (Sessions last around three hours.) For example, one group of three students may drive Monday through Friday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. the first week of June; another group may be scheduled for Monday through Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m. the third week of June; etc. After the five driving sessions, students may be scheduled for additional sessions on an as-needed basis.

How old do you have to be to take the class?

Students must be at least 14 years old to take Summer Driver Ed. with us.

Do I need a permit from the DMV to take Driver Ed.?

No, you do not need to have a permit to take Driver Ed. There is a benefit to having one, though, so we do encourage people considering getting theirs to go ahead and do it. In fact, we encourage parents to take their kids as soon as they turn 14, because in order to eventually receive a restricted license, students will have to have held their instruction permit (I.P.) for one full year before they are eligible to “upgrade” to the next license. It is a good idea to get that clock ticking as soon as possible! With that said, students will be taking the exam and earning their instruction permit DURING the Driver Ed. course, so having one ahead of time is not necessary. *(*Those who already do have theirs may be given priority on filling the very first driving time slots, since we know they are already in the system and have been approved by the DMV and will not need to wait on confirmation like we will with the others.)*

Where do I sign up and who should I pay?

There will be a sign-up sheet at Pittsburg High School in the front office. Students should listen to the daily announcements for reminders. Your payment will go to MaryAnn Cochran in the PHS business office. You may make checks payable to USD 250.

Who should I call if I have questions or want more information?

For most inquiries, you may contact Kim O’Bray, the instructor of the course, at kobray@usd250.org or 620-235-3240. Another good resource would be the PHS office, especially if you have questions regarding the payment process or how to sign up: 620-235-3200.