HEYWARD CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

THIS PACKET IS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Commercial Driver License 1
Course # 6318000CW
Grade: 10-11
2 units

The Commercial Driver's License Program is designed to prepare students to be CDL ready for the transportation industry. Students will begin with obtaining a beginner's permit, transition to a full driver's license, and conclude with a commercial learner's permit CLP. Students will have the opportunity to finish their training with employable companies or partner up with Technical Institutions such as Midland Tech or Sage School of Trucking. Students will learn the history of trucking, key terms, trucking fundamentals, laws and regulations of transportation industry (including trucking). Students further will learn knowledge concepts and basic skills that will transition to the transportation industry. Students are required to complete hours that have been set by industry standards and pass general knowledge, air brakes, and combinations assessments. This course gives students the opportunity to experience day-to-day shop operations, communication skills, hands-on skills, proper ethics, knowledge of any type of commercial motor vehicle, and in conclusion, offers in-depth view of the transportation industry.

Commercial Driver's License Level 1 will explore the basics of transportation. Students will learn about what it takes to operate vehicles ranging from compact up to commercial motor vehicles. Each student will have the opportunity to earn their Beginner's Permit for Class "D" vehicles. They will be introduced to the basic requirements for the commercial driver's license. OBJECTIVE: Given the necessary equipment, materials, and instruction, students, on completion of the prescribed course of study, will be able to successfully accomplish the following core competencies.

Qualifications:

All applicants must be at least 16 years old and must have completed 9th grade with a "C" average. Entry-level grade point average (GPA) is expected to be at least 2.0. Students are expected to be mature academically, psychologically, and follow all rules and regulations of The CDL Program. Any breach of this application/contract will equal grounds for termination of continuing The CDL Program.

Note: All student candidates MUST be on pace with expected class prerequisites for graduation. They MUST be on track with current Individual Graduation Plan (IGP).

Dress Code/Attire

Students participating in Commercial Driver's License are REQUIRED to wear clothes that are approved by the district. On field study days and/or special events, students are REQUIRED to wear shifts provided by instructor. This will allow students to be safe in the lab and adhere to business and industry standards. Students will be required to purchase rubber soled, non-slip, steel toe boots and navy blue work pants recommended by instructor ($80.00). Proper uniform and safety equipment must be worn for every field study and special events.

Other factors that will be considered for acceptance:

- Teacher recommendation
- GPA
- Attendance

- Disciplinary referrals
- Interview

Students Must:

- Meet the standards in the district's curriculum guide outline
- Complete written and reading assignments from textbooks and related industry materials
- Students are responsible for being in class every day
- Students understand they will be washing vehicles, cleaning and maintaining vehicles and classrooms
- Students understand they will write papers, do projects, and work with all four core subjects
- Be prepared for class by bringing required materials to class – books, paper, pens, pencils
- Upholding the proper dress code by the district
- Students are responsible for providing steel toe shoes/boots and work pants
- All pants must be worn around the waist
- No excessive skin exposed
- No hoodies or hats to be wore while in the building
- All clothes must be worn in a professional manner
- Students are to display a professional attitude towards themselves and others
- No excessive profanity and vulgar language will be tolerated
- Pass OSHA safety test with 100%
- Students will participate in teambuilding activities
- Must successfully pass 9th grade with a C average
- Students must be in good standing with all other classes
- Teacher recommendation and C average for all upper levels

Student Essay Response

Instructions: Please respond to the following questions in an attached typed essay.

1. What made you want to sign up for this class?
2. What experience(s) did you have with anything relatable to this course?
3. How do you see yourself using the things you learned in this class for anything you want to do later in your future?
4. What would you like to get out of this course?

At least 2 pages, Font Size 12, Times New Roman, Double-Spaced.

TIMELINE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

A timeline for the Commercial Driver License {CDL} program has been established as follows:

- **October 10, 2025**
  - Program Overview, Application submitted to feeder schools/students

- **March 20, 2026**

- Deadline for submission of Student Applications from Feeder Schools

- **April 13-30, 2026**
  - Student Interviews conducted by Heyward staff

- **May 15, 2026**
  - Acceptance Letter Mailed to Parents and Feeder Schools Notified
  - Waiting List Established

INTEREST SECTION

Use blue or black ink or type responses on the form.

Personal Information

Name_____
Last First Middle

Street Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Telephone_____ E-mail Address_____

Date of Birth_____ Age_____ Current Grade_____

Teacher Recommendation *(Please provide 2 different teacher references)*

Teacher's Name **Course(s) Taught** **Signature**

_____ _____ _____

Teacher's Email Address and Phone Number _____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the Commercial Driver License program at Heyward:

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Teacher's Name **Course(s) Taught** **Signature**

_____ _____ _____

Teacher's Email Address and Phone Number _____

Explain why this student would be a good fit for the Commercial Driver License program at Heyward:

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****Student: Please attach a typed essay response**

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_____GPA **_____UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** **_____REFERRALS** **_____SUNS ID**

STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT

Parent and Student Agreement:

I understand the requirements for being enrolled in the Heyward Commercial Driver License Program. I agree to allow my child to participate, and I understand that completing this agreement does not guarantee my child's acceptance into the program.

Student's Name (please print): _____
(Last, First, Middle Name)

Student's Signature: _____

Feeder School: _____

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____