



Panhandle Driving School

"Your Road To Success"

Dear Parents:

Thank you for choosing Panhandle Driving School for your teenager's driving experience.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES BELOW

Here are some important dates to remember:

1. **Orientation** for parents and students **CANCELLED**
 - a. ~~Date: Monday, December 8th, 2025~~
 - b. ~~Time: 6:00 pm~~
 - c. ~~Location: Sandpoint High School Auditorium @ 410 S. Division Sandpoint~~
 - d. All orientation information will be **emailed to you on December 8th** and should answer any/all questions you may have as a student/guardian.
 - i We did send you an email about this cancellation on November 13th*** **if you did not see that email please reach out to us.** This is very likely because your email carrier is blocking us from contacting you or we have an incorrect email address on file for you. Our emails come to you from admin@panhandledrivingschool.com and is our main form of communication so it's important we have the most current information on file for you.
2. **Class Details:**
 - ~~First day of class~~ Monday, January 5th, 2026
 - ~~Class Days~~ **Mondays and Tuesdays only** for the 6 weeks.
 - ~~Time:~~ 3:30pm-6:00pm
 - ~~Duration of in-class portion of the course:~~ Monday, January 5th through Tuesday, February 10th.
 - ~~Driving portion of the course:~~ Students will drive with us for one session, two hours long per week throughout the course (6 total driving sessions). The drive sessions are selected by each student week by week so they can work around their busy schedules. Please note that the students will still have 1 drive session to complete the in-car portion following the final day in class. We strive to have all students completed with the full course within 10 days of the final in-class

session. **We will discuss in-car schedules in more detail in the orientation write up.**

- **Class Location:** Sandpoint High School, Room E-15 @ 410 S. Division Sandpoint, Idaho.
- **Drive Session Location:** Northern most end of the rear parking lot of Sandpoint Middle School 310 S. Division. This is the smaller lot behind the school by the softball field. Come off Division up the angled parking isle, turn right at the fence to head to the northern most section of the lot.

3. **Total Cost** of course: \$325.00.

- a. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 was required to reserve your seat **and was already paid**. The remaining balance of \$225 must be paid by **Dec. 17th 2025**, we will be sending your invoice out on Dec. 1st. You will receive an emailed invoice from us via Paypal to the email address you used to register online. If you prefer to pay via check you can mail it to our PO Box listed at the end of the letter.
- b. Quick note: On your original registration the cost was listed incorrectly (showing a slightly higher tuition). That cost doesn't go into effect until June 2026, so your tuition is only \$325 total.

****Important****before your child can begin the classroom portion of the course, he/she needs to purchase a **driver permit** at the license Department (which is located next to the jail on Boyer Rd.) This must be done before the first day of class. It is Idaho State law that a student cannot purchase a permit until they are at least 14 ½ years of age. The second page of this packet will explain what you need to take to the License Dept. to have your child's permit processed.

The **driving schedule** for the students during the course will be flexible towards the student's individual needs and weather permitting. We do have the flexibility to adjust the driving schedule if conflicts occur. Since the Idaho Bureau of Licensing governs the course, all classwork must be made up in the event your child is absent.

In order to be enrolled in the class, you **must purchase a permit** from the Driver's License Department **before the first day of class (Idaho State Law)**. Reminder: the first day of class is **January 5th**. ****The student is not tested on driving knowledge when they purchase the permit to take a driver education course.**

Hours of operation at the Driver's License Department: Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 4:30pm for permit processing. If you have any questions for the driver's license department their phone number is 265-1431 *PLEASE note that their hours / pricing may change, contact their office directly for the more current information*

Bring the following to the driver's license department to get your permit processed:

- 1. A parent that is listed on your birth certificate.** If you live with a guardian instead of your parents, you must bring a certified copy of the guardianship papers and the guardian listed on the document. ID is required for the parent or guardian. Stepparents and grandparents cannot sign the liability waiver unless they have been appointed your legal guardian and have guardian papers.
- 2. Photo ID** –all these will work: ASB card, yearbook, military ID. If no photo is available, the license department can use your parent's ID to verify your identity.
- 3. Birth Certificate**-The License Dept. will OK a copy of your child's certificate for the permit **but** a Certified Birth Certificate must be brought to the office when your teenager takes the written test after completion of the Driver Education course. A certified birth certificate is not issued by the hospital, but must be requested from the state of birth and has the seal on it. If you have questions regarding the birth certificates, please call the License Dept. at 265-1431.
- 4. Verification of compliance letter from your school you attend.** –Your school secretary will have the forms, but if school is out for holiday break you will need to go to the school district office at 901 Triangle Drive, Ponderay, Id. If you are homeschooled (to my knowledge) there is a form at the license department that the parent/guardian will sign in place of this VOC from a public school. **DO NOT DELAY IN GETTING THIS FORM-LICENSING OFFICE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BUY THE PERMIT WITHOUT IT.**
- 5. \$26.50-** Pay to the License Dept. for processing the permit. This fee must be paid at the time of the permit being processed.
- 6. Students' social security #.** The number will not show up on your license and will not be given to anybody.
- 7. Students' eyes will be tested.** You must pass the eye exam (this is a test for distance only, not a medical eye exam). If you have glasses or contacts, bring them with you to the license department. If you can't pass the eye test, you will not be issued a permit.

8. You need to know your height, weight, hair color, eye color and which driver's education course you're taking.

9. They will ask you the name of the driving school: **Panhandle Driving School**

The course is pass/fail. The student must pass three phases of the class:

1. Academic-80 % average grade
2. Attitude – a student is considered to have a poor attitude when there is a demonstrated lack of regard for the legal and/or safety issues when behind the wheel and/or disruption in the classroom. If this occurs, the student will be dropped from the class.
3. Behind the wheel skills- The student will understand the rules of the road and drive in a safe manner.

Successful completion of the Driver Education course requires a minimum overall grade of 80% "B" or better.

We look forward to meeting you and being a part of your child's driving experience. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at our office line (call or text ok) 208-265-2262.

Sincerely,

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