

# Panhandle Driving School

Dear Parents:

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

Below are some important dates to remember:

1. **Orientation** for parents and students
  - a. Date: Wednesday, December 16th, 2020
  - b. Time: 6:00 pm
  - c. Location: Sandpoint High School Auditorium @ 410 S. Division Sandpoint
  - d. Duration of meeting: 45 minutes  
\*Parents – if you can't make the meeting, please call me at 208-290-4510  
(Only one parent needs to attend the meeting).
  
2. **Class Meetings:**

First day of class: Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Time: **3:30pm-6:00pm**  
Duration of course: Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 9th  
Class Days: **Mondays and Tuesdays only**  
Location: Sandpoint High School, Room E-9 @ 410 S. Division Sandpoint, Idaho
  
3. **Cost** of course: \$275.00 A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to **reserve your seat in the class by December 16th** and the remaining balance must be paid by the first day of class **January 4th**.

**\*\*Important\*\*** Before your child can begin the class, you or he/she needs to purchase a **driver permit** at the license Department (which is located next to the jail on Boyer Rd.) 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 4th**. **\*\*please note that 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 8:30am to 4pm for permit processing. **\*\*Update as of 8/1/20: Currently office is only open for seniors until 10:00am\*\***

If you have any questions for the driver's license department their phone number is 265-1431

**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 the summer you will need to go to the school district office at 901 Triangle Drive, Ponderay, Id.
- 5. \$21.50**- 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 message line 208-265-2262 or my cell 208-290-4510.

Sincerely,

Julia Klontz  
Panhandle Driving School

# VERY IMPORTANT

**Your deposit to secure a seat in the class must be mailed to the address below. Post marked no later than December 14<sup>th</sup> or paid at orientation night and the remaining balance must be paid in full by Monday, January 4th 2021 (First day of class)**

Please detach and send your \$100.00 deposit to secure a seat in the class to:

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Panhandle Driving School  
P.O. Box 1794  
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Class duration: January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Mondays and Tuesdays only**

**3:30pm-6:00pm**

\*\*Parents please note that if you are not ready to send your student in to a face-to-face classroom setting at this time we do have other options available for you. Please contact me to learn more if that sounds like a better fit for your family this winter.\*\*