



Panhandle Driving School

"Your Road To Success"

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, February 4th, 2026
- b. Time: 6:00 pm
- c. Location: Sandpoint High School Auditorium @ 410 S. Division Sandpoint
- d. Duration of meeting: 45 minutes. This speech should answer all of your questions / concerns about the duration of this course. After the meeting if you have any unanswered questions, you are welcome to reach out.
*Parents – if you can't make the meeting, please call or text us at 208-265-2262 (Only one parent & the student needs to attend the meeting).

2. **Class Details:**

- **First day of class**: Monday, February 16th, 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, February 16th through Tuesday, March 24th.
- **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 at orientation.**
- **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: \$350.00.

- a. A nonrefundable deposit of \$150 is required to reserve your seat **due upon registration** and the remaining balance of \$200 must be paid upon receipt of invoice to be sent out on **Jan. 16th 2026**. You will receive an emailed invoice from us via Paypal to the email address you used to register online.

****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 **February 16th**. ****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 the summer 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.

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,

Julia Klontz

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