

Drivers Education

Park County School District #6 - Cody High School



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INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Jim Pehringer and I will be the student's Driver's Education Instructor. I am currently the school district's transportation director and training coordinator for all new hire bus drivers.

Pre-Registration Information

This program uses school district vehicles on public roads, therefore students will need to obtain their Wyoming driving permit prior to enrolling in this class.

Wyoming currently offers 2 classifications of Learner's permits - Restricted and Regular. It is the responsibility of your student to obtain the one that suits their situation the best prior to driving a district vehicle. Please contact the local licensing office for this information.

By Wyoming Statute an approved driver's education course must contain:

- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- A minimum of 6 hours of behind the wheel driving instruction

It is the recommendation that your student completes all 30 hours of online instruction prior to enrolling in a driver education session. This allows the full 3 months to complete the required driving instruction.

In order to maintain a good standing with the Wyoming Department of Education - you must select the 30 hour driver education course off of our online provider's website. This allows me to offer an approved driver education program.

From WyDOT: "Students who have completed an approved driver education course may present their certificate of completion to a driver examiner when applying for a Wyoming driver license. If the certificate is from an approved program, then the examiner has the discretion to waive the required driving skills test when issuing a license. Completion of an approved driver education course does not guarantee that the drive test will be waived for any applicant. If you have previously failed a driving test with a state examiner, you will be required to take the test again with a state examiner regardless of completion of driver education."

MATERIALS

1. Online Instruction offered by: <https://www.dmvedu.org/wyoming/>
 - a. Make sure you select the course titled: "Wyoming Drivers Ed Online"
 - b. Cost should be around \$35.
2. Complete the driver education enrollment form and turn in at Cody High School.
 - a. \$200 for driving instruction and use of district's vehicle

PROCEDURE

1. Enroll student in online instruction
2. Work with local licensing office to obtain a state of Wyoming issued driving permit
3. Complete online instruction and enroll in the driving instruction
4. Either turn in a copy of your license and online course completion in with your enrollment form or email them to: jimpehringer@park6.org
5. Schedule driving blocks with me, by emailing the address above, and we will complete your driving instruction as timely as possible.
6. Once complete, you will receive a certificate of completion.

RESULTS

This course is designed to work well with student and parent's schedules. I offer sessions as needed and work to keep each session's enrollment numbers low enough to be available to all the students that need it. During the summer, I will open the enrollment numbers up a bit due to the days being longer.

We will focus on:

- Basic Vehicle Control / Knowing your vehicle
 - Proper adjustment of mirrors
 - Passenger Compartment
 - Gauges
 - Cruise Control
 - Headlights
 - Vehicle Maintenance and upkeep
 - Fueling the vehicle
 - Parking (parallel and pull-in)
- Defensive Driving
 - Maintaining a space cushion between your vehicle and the other hazards on the road (pedestrians, other motorists, animals, etc.)
 - SEE Driving Technique
 - Search / Evaluate / Execute
 - Communicating potential hazards as they are developing and coming up with a plan to reduce risks associated with the hazard
- Weather and Road conditions
 - Discussion involving how driving style changes in various situations
- **Any other skill that is defined as needed for the student will be evaluated and the curriculum will be adjusted accordingly.**