

## **Certification Staffing Assignment Safety/Driver Education 7-12**

Safety/Driver Education is an instructional program that describes the theories, methods, and techniques involved in teaching driver and safety education.

### **Grade Level Scope of Certificate:**

A person holding a valid Pennsylvania certificate for Safety/Driver Education is qualified to teach Safety/Driver Education courses in grades 7 through 12.

### **Certification Assignment:**

The certified Safety/Driver Education instructor may plan, direct, and conduct classroom theory and behind-the-wheel instruction at the secondary level.

### **Certification Clarifications:**

Older Pennsylvania public school certificates applicable for teaching Safety/Driver Education include the following: Driver Ed – Safe Living; Driver Education; Highway Safety and General Safety Education.

A licensed Private Driver teacher or director is not required to hold an instructional certificate to provide classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction provided that the employing school district has posted the vacant position for a minimum of ten days on the publically available website and no qualified, certified candidate is available.

A Behind the Wheel Driver Aide [pursuant to §1519(b) of the Public School Code] may teach behind-the-wheel instruction under the supervision of a certified Safety/Driver Education teacher.

### **Special Considerations:**

An educator certified in Safety/Driver Education may:

- provide professional development;
- serve in the role of mentor advisor; and
- assist students in understanding how to read content area materials.

### **Restrictions:**

An educator holding a Pennsylvania certificate for Safety/Driver Education cannot operate a private driver training school (PDTs) or teach a CDL program unless licensed to do so.

