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:
  o provide professional development;
  o serve in the role of mentor advisor; and
  o 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.
References:

Program Specific Standards and Guidelines for Certification


22 PA Code:  
   Chapter 4:  §4.22(c)(7)  
               §4.23(c)(8)  
               §4.31(f)  
               §4.33(c)  

   Chapter 49  §49.11  
               §49.81  

PA Public School Code: §1202  
                     §1209  
                     §1212  
                     §1519  
                     §1604  

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