

**Certification Staffing Assignment**  
**DRIVER/SAFETY EDUCATION**  
**(7-12)**

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

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid PA certificate for Driver/Safety Education is qualified to teach Driver Education/Safety 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 as well as teach a program of Driver Education.

The certified Safety/Driver Education instructor may teach courses and offer programs in Traffic and General Safety education in areas such as: driver education and/or highway traffic safety; current trends in public safety; safety issues of the home, work and recreation, occupational safety and health, environmental safety and conservation, product safety, agricultural regulations and product controls, local ordinances and codes, handicapped driver issues, motorcycle driver issues, active and passive passenger restraint systems, and drug and alcohol and driver rehabilitation issues.

Certification Clarifications:

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

If a program of Driver Education is offered by a public school entity through contractual services of a PDE-licensed private (commercial) driver training school, and the instruction is in classroom theory, the employee of a licensed private driver training school who is engaged in conducting the classroom driver education theory program must hold a PA certification for Safety/Driver Education.

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 Driver Education teacher. The employing public school entity operating a contracted service program has the responsibility for securing, verifying, and maintaining the qualifications of all aides that it utilizes in its Driver Education program.

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Special Consideration:

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the “reading” content area materials related to this subject area.

Restrictions:

An educator holding a PA certificate for Driver/Safety Education is not qualified to conduct driver education training either independently or commercially when held outside an approved public school program. An educator holding a PA certificate for Driver/Safety Education must be licensed to operate a private driver training school (PDTS), or be licensed to work for a PA Department of Education licensed PDTS and possess a teacher identification card issued to the employing PDTS when providing (for a fee) driver education training that is independent from an approved public or nonpublic school’s driver education program. These requirements are based upon:

- . Act 605, approved January 18, 1952; and,
- . 22 PA Code Chapter 101, effective June 6, 1998, which regulates state licensed private (commercial) driver training schools.

References:

Program Specific Standards and Guidelines for Certification.

Enhanced Driver Education Program Guide, February, 2003

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

Act 605

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