Parent-Student On-Road Driver’s Training

House Bill 531, introduced in the 2024 Idaho legislative session, enables qualifying applicants the ability to participate in a new parent-student on-road driver’s training.

Qualifying applicants must live in a rural school district as defined by Idaho Code 33-319 or in a school district that does not offer a driver education course. Applicants can verify their eligibility through the school district in which they reside.

Information regarding parent-student on-road driver training may be found on the Department of Education’s, Driver Education website under the Students & Families section.

Eligibility

- The applicant must live in a school district defined as rural or in a school district does not offer a driver education course.
  - Eligibility for applicants who are homeschooled or attending an online school will be based on the school district they currently live in.
- The parent(s) or guardian(s) administering the driver training must:
  - Be established with a certified original copy of a birth certificate or court ordered guardianship document.
  - Possess a valid Idaho driver’s license that permits unaccompanied driving.
  - Not have been suspended, revoked, or cancelled and has not been disqualified from holding an Idaho driver’s license for the previous 2 years.
- The applicant must provide a specific verification of compliance (VOC) from their school district indicating they are eligible to participate in the program
  - A VOC may be acquired through the applicant’s local school district.
  - If an applicant is homeschooled, a form may be completed in lieu of the VOC attesting to homeschooling and the local school district in which the applicant resides.

Criteria

- The applicant may only enroll in the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance’s (IDLA) online driver education course after purchasing a driver training permit.
  - Any other online driver education course will not count towards the 30 hours of required classroom instruction.
- The applicant must use the official driving log for recording the required driving instruction.
  - Use of a non-official driving log will not be accepted.
- Both the transcript from IDLA and the completed driving log must be provided to the driver’s license office to indicate completion of the parent-student on-road driver’s training.