



Driver's Education Program

Shenango Area Jr/Sr High School



The Shenango Area School District encourages every eligible student to complete both a Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved thirty hour Driver's Safety Course as well as six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. PDE provides the *Driver Education Content and Performance Expectations* which describe what students should know and be able to do at the end of the thirty-hour classroom theory and the six-hour behind-the-wheel instruction. These include knowing and understanding, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pennsylvania Laws and Regulations
- Knowledge of Vehicle Operations
- Perceptual Skills Development
- Decision-making/Risk Reduction
- Driving Conditions
- Influences Upon Driver Performance

Completion of both the Driver's Safety Course and Behind-the-Wheel Instruction program commonly makes student drivers 1) eligible to receive discounts on car insurance, 2) assists them in getting their senior driver's license at 17.5 years old rather than 18 years old, and most importantly 3), will make them more informed, successful and defensive drivers.

Shenango's Driver Education Program, as supported by the PDE, has two primary components that students have the opportunity to complete.

Part One: Completion of an approved 30-Hour Driver's Education Course

A detailed listing of over 300 approved PA Driver's Education Courses are available online at www.education.pa.gov. Students must successfully complete one of the approved 30-hour courses *prior* to beginning their Behind-the-Wheel training (see below). While numerous PA approved courses are available online or regionally, Shenango has partnered with a Pittsburgh based company, *Buckle-Up Driving School*, to offer Shenango students an approved online course for \$60 per student. This is a \$40 discount from their standard rate and lower than any other rate we are currently aware of.

Students can complete their 30-hour course through any of the PA approved programs in order to begin Part Two. Students wishing to complete their 30-hour course through *Buckle-UP Driving School* can register for the course online at <http://buckle-updrivingschool.com>, select "Online Theory" in the top menu, then select the "Course Instruction" link. Please note that the initial page says "\$100", but on a later page the discount will be applied if students use the promo code "buckleup0001" to receive the lower rate of \$60 per student.

Part Two: Completion of 6-hours of Behind-the-Wheel Training

Upon proof of completing the online *Buckle-Up Driving School*, or another approved course, students can sign up for in-car training in the High School Office. Mr. McNees or Mr. Brzezinski will be in contact with students who have completed 30-hour courses and signed up for behind-the-wheel training to schedule lessons.

Shenango's Driver Education Program Summary

Step 1: Register and complete an approved 30-hour course. A full list of approved courses is available online at www.education.pa.gov (search for "Drivers Education").

Buckle-Up Driving School is one of the approved courses and offers a discount to Shenango students. You can register directly:

- Go to *Buckle-Up Driving School* online at <http://buckle-updrivingschool.com>.
- Click the link for "Online Theory"
- Click the link for "Course Instruction"
- Enter your information and promotion code "**buckleup0001**" to receive a \$40 discount

Step 2: Complete a supervised final exam for the course at Shenango High School.

Step 3: Provide Proof of Completion of a 30-hour course, possess a valid PA Driver's License/Learner's Permit, and register in the High School Office for Behind-the-Wheel Training.

Step 3: Upon successful completion of at least six-hours of Behind-the-Wheel training, you will receive verification from the school district that you have successfully completed both the course and in-car training to receive discounts on car insurance and other possible benefits.

Buckle-Up Driving School Course Summary

The Buckle-Up driver's ed. program consists of at least 30 hours of driver's education instruction online, with special features in the form of videos, PDF documents, and websites. The course is divided into nine chapters covering different important driving topics. Each chapter has a review and a quiz to make sure you've gained the knowledge you need from that section. After completing these nine chapters, you need only to take and pass the 40 question final exam - and you're done! When you've completed the course the Buckle-Up Driving School will mail you a certificate of completion that you can present to your school district and your insurance company.

Chapter 1: The Proper Attitude and Control System for Safe Driving

Chapter 2: Pennsylvania Laws and Regulations

Chapter 3: Understanding the Vehicle and its Controls

Chapter 4: Perceptual Skills Development

Chapter 5: Developing Your Basic Driving Skills

Chapter 6: Influences Upon Driver Performance

Chapter 7: Driving Under Hazardous Conditions

Chapter 8: Driving in Different Environments

Chapter 9: Sharing the Road