

How To Get Your Driver's License With Parkway Driving School Online

1. Parkway Driving School is a Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) approved curriculum for Parent Taught Driver Education (PTDE). The first step in starting a PTDE program, is to make sure that your parent or guardian is eligible to be your instructor. Parent instructors with criminal and driver records need to contact DPS to determine eligibility.
2. Read through the PTDE program requirements to make sure it's right for you, and purchase the PTDE program guide from TDLR
 - a. Program requirements:
<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/driver/parenttaughtreqs.htm>
 - b. Program Guide: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ParentTaught/PTSelect.aspx>
3. You are now ready to sign up with Parkway! We have two options you can choose from:
 - a. Online Parent Taught: You and your parent will be provided with our 32 hour TDLR approved PTDE curriculum
 - b. Online Parent Taught + Driving Instruction: You and your parent will be provided with our 32 hour TDLR approved PTDE curriculum, and you will be able to schedule time with one of our instructors to do the required 7 hours of driving instruction and 7 hours of observation
4. After you choose an option, sign up, and pay you are ready to start your PTDE.
5. After completing day 3, you will be able to go with your parent instructor to the DPS to take your eye exam and written test to get your Learner License
 - a. If you paid for driving instruction from Parkway, please contact us once you have your Learner License to schedule drive times.
6. Complete all 16 days of classroom work, driving instruction, and wait at least 6 months from the issuing of your Learner License, and you are ready to schedule your driving exam with the DPS to get your Provisional License.

If you would prefer a traditional in classroom driver's education, and live in the Melissa or Van Alstyne area, please contact us about registering for one of our in person classes.

Parent Taught Driver Education Program Steps For Parents at-a-glance

1

Determine eligibility

Parent instructors with criminal and driver records need to contact DPS prior to requesting the PTDE Program Guide to determine eligibility.



2

Read program requirements and purchase the PTDE Program Guide



3

Choose and purchase a TDLR-approved course and start teaching



4

Assist your student in obtaining a learner license at a DPS facility



5

Complete classroom and behind-the-wheel course with your student



6

Assist your student in obtaining a provisional license at a DPS facility





PARENT TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parent Taught Driver Education (PTDE) is an alternative to driver education in public schools or commercial driving schools. PTDE is regulated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

By signing up for the PTDE program, the parent instructor takes charge of driver education for the teen driver by working with TDLR, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and a TDLR-approved PTDE Course Provider.

FOUR KEY PARTICIPANTS ARE INVOLVED IN PTDE AND PERFORM THE FOLLOWING ROLES.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- provides an [Online Driver Record Request System](#) to allow a parent to verify whether the parent is eligible to teach a student based on the parent's criminal and driver records
- verifies the parent instructor's driving record when it processes the student's:
 - learner license; and
 - provisional license
- recognizes TDLR's Parent Taught Driver Education Program as an alternative to conventional driver education that will satisfy training requirements for obtaining a driver permit or license
- issues driver permits and driver licenses

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)

- operates the Parent Taught Driver Education Program
- sells the Parent Taught Driver Education Program Guide
- licenses and regulates driver education course providers
- approves driver education course materials

A TDLR-approved course provider

- creates and sells course materials for use by a parent instructor to teach the student
- issues a Texas Driver Education Certificate of Completion, which must be provided to DPS for a student to get a learner license and a provisional license

A parent, legal guardian, or designee

- checks whether he or she is eligible to be a parent instructor
- purchases a Parent Taught Driver Education Program Guide from TDLR
- chooses a TDLR-approved Parent Taught Driver Education course provider
- purchases a Parent Taught Driver Education course directly from a course provider
- completes the classroom and behind-the-wheel course of instruction for the student
- ensures the student passes the written exam at a DPS facility
- assists the student in obtaining a learner license at a DPS facility
- assists the student in obtaining a provisional license at a DPS facility