



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