

# Parent Taught 101 Driver's Education

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can I contact if I still have questions?

Please contact Parent Taught 101 at 512-919-5255 or email [course101@esc13.txed.net](mailto:course101@esc13.txed.net).

### Is this course approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) program?

You bet it is! All offerings in the Parent Taught 101 Driver's Education family meet the required state standards for an approved Parent Taught Driver Education (PTDE) program and are approved by the TDLR.

### Is this an online course?

No, it is not! This course is available as a downloadable course in PDF form, but is not an interactive online course.

### What do I have to do to get a DE-964 from Parent Taught 101? Do I have to submit logs?

No, you do not have to submit any driving logs or paperwork to obtain a DE-964 from Parent Taught 101. After purchasing your materials, your DE-964 will arrive via email within 3-5 business days. The form will come from the sender: [productstore@esc13.txed.net](mailto:productstore@esc13.txed.net).

### I've purchased a PT 101 course. When can I begin teaching my student?

You may begin teaching Parent Taught 101 **after** you visit the [Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation driver education page](#) to request your parent taught program guide and submit the appropriate fee.

### When will I get my Texas Driver Education Certificate (DE-964)?

The student's certificate of completion (DE-964) will come as an attachment in a separate email to the address you provide as the "parent/instructor email" when you purchase the course. It will arrive within 3-5 business days. The form will come from the sender: [productstore@esc13.txed.net](mailto:productstore@esc13.txed.net).

### **Does the DE-964 need to be printed in color?**

Actually, yes! The DPS office will ask for the green form. Make sure the control number appears on the upper right side. We will fill out the student name, student date-of-birth and gender based on the information provided when materials are ordered. The parent must fill out the DE-964 before going into DPS. An Instruction sheet will be attached to DE-964 email, or please see the question "How do I complete my DE-964?".

### **I've lost my Driver Education Certificate (DE-964), where can I get a replacement?**

In the event that you have lost your DE-964, you must contact Parent Taught 101 at 512-919-5255 or [course101@esc13.txed.net](mailto:course101@esc13.txed.net) in order to purchase a replacement certificate. Please note, you must have purchased Course 101 from Region 13 in order to obtain a replacement certificate.

### **How do I get my learners permit with the Parent Taught 101 Course?**

Once the parent and student have completed the minimum required classroom instruction hours and received the DE-964, the parent and student must appear in person at any driver license office with all required items [DPS](#) items (i.e., Learner License Application checklist which you can find the TDLR Program Guide). Then, the student must take and pass the written test at DPS.

### **Why won't this course open on my phone or iPad?**

Your mobile device or tablet must have an app to convert the downloadable PDF from a zip file. Please open and save from a computer.

### **Why won't the DE-964 open on my phone?**

The form will not open correctly on a phone. Please make sure you are opening the DE-964 on a computer using the latest version of Adobe Reader.

### **I purchased the In-Car Instruction Only Course, but my child needs the learners permit.**

Unfortunately, you need the Complete Course. The In-Car Instruction Course is for students that have already obtained a learners permit. Please contact us at 512-919-5255 or [course101@esc13.txed.net](mailto:course101@esc13.txed.net), and we will be happy to help get this fixed!.

**I took my child to get the Learners Permit, and I didn't meet the requirements to be an instructor. What do I do? Who else can teach my child?**

The following persons may instruct the Parent Taught program: parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster parent, and legal guardian. Additionally, a parent, legal guardian, or a judge of a court with jurisdiction over the student can [designate](#) a person to instruct the course who meet the following requirements:

- Is at least 25 years old;
- Does not charge a fee for conducting the course; and
- Has at least seven years of driving experience.

**I have twins, can I use the same course for both and buy an extra DE-964?**

No, we do not sell individual DE-964s. You must purchase a separate Parent Taught 101 Course for each child.

**I can't download my course. What should I do?**

Please contact us at 512-919-5255 or [course101@esc13.txed.net](mailto:course101@esc13.txed.net). We will be happy to help!

**Why do I need to buy a packet from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation?**

In 2015 as the result of the 84th Legislature enacting House Bill 1786 into law, the bill transferred the Parent Taught Driver Education program from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). To get started with the parent taught program, first, order the [Parent Taught Driver Education Program Guide](#). The guide costs \$20 (non-refundable). Then purchase [Parent Taught 101](#).

**My child has completed the classroom instruction at a school. What do I have to do to teach just the in-car instruction?**

Behind-the-wheel driver education instruction may begin after the student receives a learner license. The required curriculum that must be followed is a minimum of 44 hours that includes:

- 7 hours behind-the-wheel instruction in the presence of a parent.
- 7 hours of in-car observation in the presence of parent.
- 30 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, including at least 10 hours at night, in the presence of a parent or adult.

### **I'm at DPS and I don't have a DE-964 or a behind the wheel course. What should I do?**

You will need to purchase the In-Car Instruction Course. Please see the above question on steps to teach the Behind-The-Wheel course.

### **What if my child is 18 or older, can we complete the Parent Taught 101 Course?**

Yes, you can complete the Parent Taught 101 Course. You can also complete a 6-hour adult driver education course.

### **How do I schedule my driving exam?**

After completing the In-Car Instruction, the student is ready to get the provisional license. You will need [to schedule a driving test with with a DPS location](#) of your choice, or take a ["Third Party Skills Test"](#) at a local driving school that is approved to give the driving skills exam. Please note, driving schools usually have a fee, but you can get an earlier testing date.

### **Can this course be taught as a concurrent course or block course?**

Parent Taught 101 may be taught either as a concurrent course or block course.

In a concurrent course, the student is eligible to take the DPS written exam after completion of all three (3) sections of Module 1. The student then completes the classroom instruction in Modules 2 through 12 and the In-Car Instruction in Module 13.

In a block course, the student is eligible to take the DPS written exam after completion of Modules 1 through 12. The student then completes the In-Car Instruction in Module 13.

### **What is the timeline to complete the course?**

The parent-instructor sets the timeline for the course. The course may not be completed in less than 21 days. Please review your TDLR Program Guide on the number of hours of classroom and in-car instruction allowed per day.

### **What is the Impact Texas Teen Drivers (ITTD) and when should my student take it?**

Impact Texas Teen Drivers (ITTD) is a separate requirement and should be completed after all 32 classroom hours and behind-the-wheel instruction has been given. This is the last step before taking the driving skills examination. For more information, please [click here](#).