

IDAHO PUBLIC DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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2025 FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY

Classes provided from FY24 to FY25 increased from 397 to 433, and the number of schools providing driver education dropped from 80 in FY24 to 72 in FY25. The increase in classes offered is likely due to urban areas offering additional courses to accommodate the population growth. The drop in schools providing driver education is most certainly due to the Parent-Student On-Road Driver Training (PSORDT) program allowed in rural areas, leading many schools to cancel their driver education programs. PSORDT has increased with the addition of other options for online driver education. With fewer programs, reimbursements for FY25 totaled \$1,019,496.22, down from \$1,195,133.30 for FY24.

Several Local Education Agencies (LEAs) have considered cancelling their driver education programs because of the financial burden. LEAs are currently reimbursed \$150 per student taught, but the costs of classroom hours, behind-the-wheel hours, and observation hours often far exceed the reimbursement. In FY25, driver education programs cost the school districts \$354,375.15 of their operations budgets, which was approximately 12% of the total cost of the driver education program. The remaining 88% was paid for with fees collected from students, Advanced Opportunities funds, and State reimbursement to the LEAs. (See Appendix I for chart of Driver Education Program Costs.)

Annual Statutory Requirements

Idaho Code §33-1707 states in part: Annually, no later than the first day of September in each year, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall cause the supervisor of driver training to prepare a report listing the names of the school districts and the amounts of money paid as required in Idaho Code §33-1706.

DRIVER EDUCATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY: FY 2025 FUND 0319-00

Revenue

FY 2025 Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 5,536,813.54
FY 2025 Revenue	\$ 2,690,667.25
Total	\$ 8,227,480.79

Expenditures

Personnel Costs	\$ 135,257.16
Communication Costs	\$ 727.00
Employee Development Costs	\$ 850.00
General Services	\$53.00
Professional Services	\$ 28,029.50
Administrative Services	\$ 2,134.35
Employee Travel Costs	\$ 4,086.36
Administrative Supplies	\$ 53.62
Specific Use Supplies	\$ 2,800.44
Insurance	\$ 518.41
Rentals & Operating Leases	\$ 3,492.12
Misc. Expenditures	\$ 287.99
Misc. Payments as Agent (DOPL)	\$327,147.50
Non-Fed Payments Subgrantees.....	\$ 1,019,496.22
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,524,933.67
FY 2025 Year Ending Balance	\$ 6,646,715.28

PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE

Student Reimbursement Enrollment.....	7,318
Classes Provided	433
Percentage of Students Who Passed the Course	98.28%
School Districts Providing Course	72
Public Driver Education Instructors	159
Total District Cost.....	\$2,991,620.62
Total Fees Collected from Students and/or Advanced Opportunities Funds.....	\$1,620,486.48
Total State Reimbursement	\$1,019,496.22
Percentage of Cost to District	11.82%
Average District Cost (Loss) per Student	\$48.31
Average Fee Charged	\$208.03
Highest Public Fee Charged	\$350.00
Lowest Public Fee Charged	
With Advanced Opportunities Funds.....	\$75.00
Without Advanced Opportunities Funds	\$100.00
Average Instructor Hourly Classroom Rate	\$27.67
Average Instructor Hourly In-Car Rate.....	\$28.45

33-1707. Reimbursement – Determination

Certification. a. From the data provided by the school district, as required by section Idaho Code §33-1706, the state department of education shall compute the average of the number of pupils enrolling in the course and those completing the same, and determine for such average number, the per-pupil cost thereof. The amount due to the district from the driver training fund in the state treasury shall be the total cost of operating the program, or the average of the number enrolling in the course and those completing the same, multiplied by one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), whichever is the lesser.

Idaho Public School District Information

District #	School	Instructor Classroom Wage	Instructor In-Car Wage	Student Fee	State Reimbursement
1	Boise***	\$35.62	\$35.62	\$290.00	\$80,550.69
2	West Ada	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$250.00	\$113,700.00
3	Kuna Joint **	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$275.00	\$48,300.00
13	Council	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$300.00	\$1,950.00
33	Bear Lake County *	\$23.26	\$23.26	\$125.00	\$1,402.29
52	Snake River *	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$9,450.00
55	Blackfoot *	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$18,131.88
58	Aberdeen	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$145.00	\$3,647.34
60	Shelley Joint *	\$27.90	\$27.90	\$200.00	\$14,765.95
83	West Bonner County**	\$16.00	\$35.00	\$335.00	\$10,200.00
84	Lake Pend Oreille **	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$325.00	\$ 59,850.00
101	Boundary County **	\$28.00	\$26.00	\$400.00	\$20,700.00
121	Camas County	\$37.41	\$37.41	\$175.00	\$1,050.00

District #	School	Instructor Classroom Wage	Instructor In-Car Wage	Student Fee	State Reimbursement
131	Nampa **	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$275.00	\$ 87,300.00
132	Caldwell *	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$225.00	\$9,600.00
135	Notus	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$225.00	\$3,150.00
136	Melba Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$2,395.67
137	Parma	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$175.00	\$13,950.00
139	Vallivue	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$190.00	\$40,143.67
151	Cassia County Joint	\$20.35	\$20.35	\$175.00	\$36,470.70
193	Mountain Home	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$150.00	\$49,035.14
201	Preston Joint *	\$30.17	\$30.17	\$225.00	\$25,650.00
202	West Side Joint *	\$30.89	\$30.89	\$225.00	\$ 8,100.00
231	Gooding Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$225.00	\$5,832.30
232	Wendell	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$200.00	\$975.00
233	Hagerman Joint *	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$3,318.35
242	Cottonwood Joint	\$32.53	\$27.37	\$150.00	\$3,600.00
243	Salmon River	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
244	Mountain View	\$30.68	\$30.68	\$200.00	\$29,400.00
251	Jefferson County Joint	\$30.00	\$26.45	\$128.09	\$18,620.70
253	West Jefferson	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$150.00	\$3,750.00
261	Jerome County Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$18,000.00
282	Genesee Joint	\$36.34	\$36.34	\$350.00	\$1,092.98
283	Kendrick Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$3,600.00

District #	School	Instructor Classroom Wage	Instructor In-Car Wage	Student Fee	State Reimbursement
287	Troy	\$62.40	\$36.00	\$210.00	\$1,950.00
288	Whitepine Joint	\$34.38	\$34.38	\$250.00	\$5,016.20
291	Salmon	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$5,700.78
292	South Lemhi *	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00
302	Nezperce Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$165.00	\$3,150.00
312	Shoshone Joint	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$150.00	\$6,300.00
321	Madison	\$21.25	\$21.25	\$100.00	\$ 25,200.00
322	Sugar-Salem Joint *	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$225.00	\$19,753.95
331	Minidoka County Joint***	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$22,800.00
341	Lapwai	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$168.18	\$4,950.00
371	Payette Joint	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$225.00	\$10,850.41
373	Fruitland	\$20.00	\$136.50	\$125.00	\$3,750.00
381	American Falls Joint	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$10,818.20
382	Rockland	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$265.00	\$1,200.00
391	Kellogg Joint	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$159.00	\$7,744.43
392	Mullan	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$1,800.00
401	Teton County *	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$18,750.00
411	Twin Falls***	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$180.00	\$37,050.00
412	Buhl Joint	\$23.95	\$23.95	\$200.00	\$4,350.00
413	Filer	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$265.00	\$5,687.70
414	Kimberly***	\$31.50	\$31.50	\$100.00	\$10,350.00

District #	School	Instructor Classroom Wage	Instructor In-Car Wage	Student Fee	State Reimbursement
415	Hansen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$1,500.00
421	McCall-Donnelly Joint	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$170.50	\$9,900.00
431	Weiser	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$125.00	\$15,750.00
432	Cambridge Joint	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$316.67	\$919.09
460	Connor Academy **	\$65.00	\$35.00	\$275.00	\$100,050.00
461	Taylor's Crossing Charter **	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$350.00	\$4,623.49
523	Elevate Academy	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$225.00	\$30,900.00

*** Eligible students were able to use their Advanced Opportunities Funds to cover the cost of the driver education course.**

**** Contracted with private company.**

*****Numbers reflect participation in FY 25, but some or all of the State reimbursement was paid in FY26.**

Note: Districts and Charter Schools not included in the table did not have a program during the 2024-25 school year.

DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM COSTS

Appendix I. Charts

