

PHS Monthly News Letter item January Message from Driver Education Department:

The Driver Education Program offers students the opportunity to take their **DRIVERS LICENSE TEST** at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21. This test replaces the need to test with the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles for a junior license. To qualify for this license test a student must complete all the behind-the-wheel driving lessons and complete the Driver Education classroom theory instruction.

Students taking the driving test will need to bring with them their learner's permit, a DL-180C form and the CLIU parent consent form to take the license test with the CLIU 21. Parents must sign these forms in the presence of a notary or one of the certified test instructors.

To qualify for the Drivers Education Certification, students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 classroom hours and completion of the behind-the-wheel program. Many insurance companies recognize these education programs by granting a “**Drivers Education Insurance Discount**” to young drivers who complete both the classroom and behind-the-wheel programs. At the conclusion of both programs a Drivers Education Certificate will be issued to the student

For registration in the program, visit their web site: www.cliu.org under the resource tab click on Student Driver Education. For more information on this program call 610-769-4111, Ext 1299 or 1-800-223-4821, Ext 1299.

Reminder on Recent Laws Signed to Enhance Highway Safety.....

In an effort to enhance safety on Pennsylvania roads, Governor Tom Corbett recently signed two measures into law that affect drivers of all ages. One law changes the Vehicle Code involving graduated driver licensing requirements, passenger restrictions for junior drivers and passenger restraint laws. The other law prohibits drivers from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

The new teen driver and seat-belt rules take effect on December 24, 2011 and the law prohibiting text-based communication while driving goes into effect March 8, 2012.

For more information on both of these laws, visit the PennDOT website at www.dot.state.pa.us and look at the fact sheets under “News & Media.”

For more information on the Driver Education program, as well as links to the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles log onto the Parkland High School Driver Education Web Site at

<http://psdweb.parklandsd.org/phsde/>

Students and parents with any questions or concerns may contact the Driver Education Office at 610-351-5900 ext. # 74410 or by email at bortzb@parklandsd.org

