

# Pennsylvania Driver Improvement School (DIS) FACT SHEET

PennDOT provides a Driver Improvement School course for drivers whose record has an initial accumulation of six (6) points for the first time, a second and subsequent accumulation of six (6) points, or has a conviction for excessive speeding, (31 mph over the posted speed limit), as outlined in the PA Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. § 1538.

The Driver Improvement School covers driver responsibility and awareness, risk awareness, interacting with other roadway users, managing driving tasks and is designed to provide knowledge, skills and techniques to improve driver-related choices to reduce future violations and, possibly, traffic crashes.

The six-hour course will be presented in two, three-hour sessions over a one-day period. Once scheduled for the Driver Improvement School, full participation is required as is passing a final exam with a score of 80% or higher based on a series of multiple-choice questions. Failure to attend the required course, or meet the requirements of the course, will result in an indefinite suspension of the driver's driving privileges until all requirements are successfully completed.

## Questions and Answers

### **When is the course held?**

You will be scheduled for the course based on availability. No classes are held on Sundays or Mondays.

### **What happens if I do not attend?**

If you are scheduled to attend the class and are absent, your driving privilege will be suspended indefinitely until the course has been successfully completed.

### **What happens after I take and pass the course?**

If you elect to take DIS with the first six (6) or more point accumulation, four (4) points will be removed from your record. When DIS is completed with the second or subsequent six (6) or more point accumulation two (2) points will be removed from the record. If DIS is a result of an excessive speeding violation no points will be removed.

### **Am I able to take the course to have points removed from my record if I was not ordered to take the course?**

No, the course is for driver's who accumulate six (6) or more points on the driving record.

### **Why do I have to take this course? I do not know anyone else who has had to do this.**

You are required to take this course because you accumulated six (6) or more points or were convicted of excessive speeding.

**What if I do not pass the final exam?**

Your driving privilege may be suspended indefinitely until the course is successfully completed.

**If my driving privilege is suspended for either failing the course or not attending the course, when will my license go under suspension?**

You will have approximately forty-two (42) days from the mail date of the letter until your driving privilege is suspended, unless your driving privilege is currently suspended for a different sanction. The letter is processed immediately upon the outcome of the Driver Improvement School (i.e., fail course or fail to attend).

**Where is the training held in person?**

The Driver Improvement School sessions are held virtually or in-person at the following Driver License Centers:

- Bridgeville
- Butler
- Chambersburg
- Erie
- Harrisburg
- Jeannette
- Norristown
- State College (Pleasant Gap)
- Wilkes Barre
- York

**Why are there no courses offered at a site closer to me?**

At this time, the course is only offered at certain locations based on examiner availability; however, virtual classes are an option.