



To The Parent:

First and foremost, I want to personally welcome you to Prestige Driving Academy! We are honored that you have entrusted us with your child's safety and training. We are dedicated and committed to give your child the tools needed to become a defensive and safe driver. Prestige uses the Ohio Driver Training Curriculum. This is a twenty-four hour classroom and an eight hour Behind The Wheel Curriculum; however, we do offer more hours for classroom and driving if the parent chooses to do so (See our GOLD, PLATINUM & PRESTIGE Packages).

Prestige is an Ohio certified Driving Academy and safety is our number one goal. Our certifications include but are not limited to:

- State Certified through the Ohio Department of Public Safety
- BCI Background Checks done annually.
- FBI Background Checks done annually.
- Driving Record Abstracts done annually.
- Sexual harassment courses taken annually.
- Continuing education for new laws and technology
- Owner is a certified Training Manager, State Certified Adult Remedial Instructor and Insured & Bonded through the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Let me start by saying that Prestige Driving Academy is a *unique* type of Driving Academy and that we are here to run our own race. I am not here to compete. Once you see the classroom and our driving vehicle, you will notice that we went over and beyond the "typical" driving school and we believe it will speak for itself. At Prestige, I believe that a student's learning should be more interactive. Studies show that interaction is one of the best ways to cognitive learning and remembering.

We went further than power point. Our screen is the newer version of a smart-board. It's a 66" touch screen that interacts with the computers or videos. We have an interactive magnetic dry erase traffic board. This board is used for scenarios and makes it easier for the student to understand what to do in real situations.

This Academy also has a newer device that only one other school uses in the state of Ohio (Our friends at 1st Gear Driving Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio). This is a tire changing unit. Without leaving the classroom, the student will learn to change a tire! In addition, we will also use the tire to teach tread depth, using a tire gage and where to find the inflation rate for that particular tire and what the vehicle recommends for best driving results (and where to find it).

I am also proud to team up with law enforcement and the fire department. We have two drunk carts with certified drunk goggles. The students will be able to use these carts on obstacle courses to see first-hand what it feels like to be impaired while behind the wheel. We also have sleepy goggles to simulate driving tired. Local and state law enforcement agencies will provide detailed stories and possible video of what happens to teenagers when they don't obey the law and drive with distractions.

Prestige Driving Academy REALLY stresses the value of not driving with distractions with emphasis on cell phones and passengers. We even encourage parents to sit in and/or interact on these lessons; sometimes consequently, the teens learn from YOU! A lot of your habits will be embedded into their training as they watch you drive. If those habits exist, we will break those habits during their Behind The Wheel Training. Prestige will also have guest speakers from time to time. These speakers will touch on topics such as but not limited to: Drugs & Alcohol, Cell Phone use, Distractions and Insurance. MADD, TV News Cast, Law Enforcement (Local & State), Fire Department, Insurance (Vehicle) Representatives and Special guest who go to schools to share their story. Don't get us wrong, we still show educational videos that are the newest available; however, studies show that a speaker has more of a lasting effect than does an educational video.

We want the student to feel at home, enjoy the classes and have fun when they walk into their Academy; so, we have added new brilliant tables, leather chairs, lounge area, 60 game arcade unit, drinks and snacks (for sale) and a place to plug in your tunes while you wait for class to start or on your breaks. The facility is new, vibrant, clean, fresh and you will be able to tell when you walk in that we are *unique!* We are changing the way driving schools / academies should be.

In order to maintain our ongoing operations and strategic planning, we need your help. There also has to be a commitment from the students and parents. Please keep the following in mind while going through this course:

- This Is NOT an online driving course and it takes time. The student will learn, hear, see and value more from this classroom than any online driving course can offer. We put our team of students first on the priority list. Yes, we will also be driving online students; however, a Prestige student will take priority over any online student that is not already scheduled. By joining our Academy, you have earned that right.
- Your fees must be paid in full by the time the first in car is scheduled. We would like the fees to be paid by the final class; subsequently, we will work with you if you call us in advance. We will never turn anyone away for not being able to pay the entire amount upfront.

- A student CAN NOT drive and attend class on the same day (24hours). The Ohio law restricts any student from having more than 4hrs. of driver's training in a 24hr. period.
- PLEASE, notify us immediately if any changes are needed for drive times. The student will have their times given to them by the final class. This gives the person enough time to check their schedule and decide if the times scheduled will work. **REMINDER: If the student does not cancel his/her in car within 24hrs of their scheduled drive, there is a \$40.00 charge.** This includes cancellations, "no-shows", forgetting temporary license, glasses or any other reason that would delay them from driving. We pay our drivers regardless; so, please keep this in mind. The more time you give us to fill that slot, the better. 😊
- The student should have at least 20 to 25 hours of driving experience with their parents before entering our vehicle for their Behind The Wheel lessons. We are there to "perfect", to get "rid of bad habits" and to get the student ready for his/her driving examination. This can't be accomplished if the student has no experience. Therefore, the more driving the student does, the more they will learn with our instructors. For any reason, if the parent or student does not feel the student is ready to drive, please contact the Academy early so we can put them on the schedule accordingly.

When we get our license, it's exciting for the student and exhausting for the parent. We understand all that comes with the licensing process and are here if you have any questions, comments and concerns. Please, if you have any questions regarding laws, driving, how to get your son/daughter started with their driving, feel free to contact me (Dave) anytime! We are here to serve you! Once again, THANK YOU for choosing



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