

Expectations for Progress



Professionalism from Day 1

Because safe and effective operation of the vehicle are vital skills for commercial truck drivers, you must show steady progress throughout the entire academy.

- Active participation is required in all classroom and behind-the-wheel sessions.
- You will need to study outside class, so you are prepared to pass your permit and CDL tests.

The Permit

The classroom portion of the program is designed to help you prepare for the permit test. Your focused effort is essential, because if you do not pass the permit test **you cannot advance to behind-the-wheel training.** You must earn an **80%** or above in the classroom portion of the program in order to take the permit test and continue in the program. Your grade is based on attendance, participation, quizzes, and a final exam.

- The State allows three attempts to pass the permit test. After that, you are not allowed to retake the permit test for 30 days.
- If that occurs, you should study on your own during that 30-day period. Once you get your permit, call **(309) 268-8448** and we'll get you scheduled into the behind-the-wheel portion of an upcoming class as space allows.

The CDL Knowledge and Skills Tests

Once you are behind-the-wheel, you must continue to earn a score of **80%** or higher in the program before you are allowed to take the CDL skills and road test in Springfield.

- Your grade is based on attendance, participation, documentation, and demonstration of driving skills.
- You will have two attempts at the skills and road test as part of your initial registration. If you need a third attempt, you must pay a **\$499** fee to Heartland Community College and complete **three more hours of training** before making a final trip to the Springfield DMV.