COMPARISON OF REQUIREMENTS:

Public schools

60 hours- BTW and 120 hours–classroom teachers

Teacher certification endorsement- 120 hours or 4 classes. Actually, it is 140 hours that includes the assessments.

Must take the West-E test to fulfill the requirements of getting their certificate of endorsement from OSPI. The West-E tests assesses the instructor’s knowledge of the classroom material provided.

Conditional certification- 60 hours for behind-the-wheel instructors and 80 more hours if they want to be conditionally classroom certified thru OSPI. They would take the 80-hour program after they had taught 1000 hours of BTW instruction.

Commercial Schools

100 hours of training if they want to be a BTW or classroom teacher. 60 hours required for law enforcement.

The training would include 40 hours of classroom and 40 hours of observation in the car. Plus, they would receive 20 hours of supervision where they are teaching a student to drive.