



Welcome to The Flying School! We are pleased that you have chosen us to continue your aviation education. Our CFI class is approximately 10 days in length and will last all day and include weekends. Part of the day will be spent in the classroom and part of the day will be spent in the airplanes (weather and maintenance dependent). We encourage you to take the back seat when not flying, you are only charged for the time spent in the front seat. Check rides are scheduled 2 -7 days following class completion **if available**. All communication will occur via email so please check your email frequently. There are several housekeeping items we suggest you take care of before your class start date:

- 1) The CFI class does have certain prerequisites as listed below, if you do not meet one of these prerequisites, please contact us immediately:
 - a) Be at least 18 years of age.
 - b) Be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language.
 - c) Hold either a commercial pilot certificate or airline transport pilot certificate with:
 - i) An aircraft category and class rating that is appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought.
 - ii) An instrument rating or privileges on that person's pilot certificate that are appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought, if applying for:
 - (1) A flight instructor certificate with an airplane category and single-engine class rating
 - (2) A flight instructor certificate with an airplane category and multiengine class rating
 - (3) A flight instructor certificate with a powered lift rating
 - (4) A flight instructor certificate with an instrument rating
 - d) Completion and passing of both the FOI, FIA and the FII if completing the CFII.
 - e) You **MUST** be able to perform and explain commercial maneuvers well beyond the commercial standards.
 - f) If you are pursuing the CFII you **MUST** be current and proficient with IFR.
- 2) The first two days of class will be evaluation flights from our instructors. If any student shows signs of being unprepared it may result in additional training costs, time, and our inability to endorse you. **There is no guarantee of endorsement after completing the ground class and/or flight training.**
- 3) We will sign you up for our Flight Scheduling Program. Please login with your email address and create a password. If you already have a FSP account, please add us as an additional school under the settings button. Our school code is 113177.
- 4) The following books are required for the class and can be purchased at The Flying School upon your arrival. If you already own any of these items, please let us know so that we can adjust our book order. Digital copies are fine except for the FAR AIM.



- a) Aviation Instructors Handbook FAA-H-8083-9A
 - b) Airplane Flying Handbook FAA-H-8083-3A
 - c) The Advanced Pilot's Flight Manual by William K. Kershner
 - d) Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge FAA-H-8083-25A
 - e) Private Pilots ACS FAA-S-ACS-6B
 - f) Commercial ACS FAA-S-ACS-7
 - g) Flight Instructors PTS FAA-s-8081-6DS
 - h) Lesson Plans to Train Like You Fly by Arlynn McMahan
 - i) Current FAR/AIM
- 5) We will use the following charts in class and for your check ride (we do not supply these, please order them prior to arrival):
- a) Cheyenne Sectional
 - b) Denver Sectional
 - c) Denver TAC chart
- 6) In addition to the above materials, there are a few items that we have found helpful to bring along:
- a) Chart supplement for KFNL
 - b) Foggles or an Instrument Hood
 - c) Personal headset
 - d) iPad/ Android tablet
- 7) All check rides are with an independent Designated Examiner. Although we do our best to assist in the logistics of scheduling your check ride, ***we are unable to guarantee a check ride for any student.*** Due to the volume of flight training, we are sometime forced to schedule check rides away from our airport. You will be responsible for the cost of the aircraft rental times to and from your check ride(s). We will endeavor to minimize these costs. The DPE is also paid independently of our school and the fees vary between them. The DPE's generally require a cash payment and we understand that it may be difficult for you to have this much cash on you during your training. We will provide cash for the payment of the DPE fee. That amount will be added to your school balance.
- 8) We require that a credit card be kept on file for all students. You are not required to use this card for payment if you would prefer to pay cash or check in advance. We will process your credit card payment once every three or four days in order to eliminate an enormous balance at the end of your training period. PLEASE make sure you bring a credit or debit card that has enough of a limit to clear your balance, it's very difficult for us to chase down students when their card is declined.



- 9) Please keep in mind that this is an accelerated program and as such requires significant dedication and focus. You will almost definitely need to spend substantial time outside of class studying. You are welcome to use our classroom at any time during your stay (or other office space as needed). We strongly encourage you to utilize your classmates for group study. Historically the students who fail their check rides have not shown adequate focus and dedication outside of the scheduled instruction periods. We take our jobs here at The Flying School very seriously, keeping in mind that not only do you need to pass a rigorous and lengthy check ride at the end of the course, but that you will be responsible for educating other aviators and ensuring the continued safety of flying.
- 10) The Flying School does not provide lodging, but we are more than happy to help you arrange your accommodations while attending our classes.

TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR THE COURSE

- 1) Assemble a binder with pertinent information, specifically: test reports and commercial maneuvers lesson plans if you have preprepared any.
- 2) Fly from the right seat prior to class start if possible.
- 3) Practice teaching maneuvers when flying, or, if you are unable to do that, practice teaching someone how to drive. (That person could be a fictional person. It's safer than texting!).
- 4) Download a Cessna 172R/S POH and study it cover to cover.
- 5) If coming from out of state, try to arrive a few days early to adjust to our mile high altitude.
- 6) Pack for ALL kinds of weather, Colorado is temperamental. Be sure to include a business casual outfit for your check rides(s). First impressions are very important.
- 7) Arrive refreshed and ready to hit the road. Due to the intensity of this class, if you arrive after the first day, you will have trouble keeping up. Advise friends and family or employers that you will not need unnecessary distractions during your training time.
- 8) Bring an empty notebook, you will fill it up!
- 9) Go back and review the Private Pilot ACS- you need to have a very solid foundation of knowledge; the oral examination will recall everything you have learned so far!