

Expectations for new FLSC Student Pilots

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Welcome to the world of Soaring. It's fun if done safely. It takes a serious commitment of time and dedication, to develop the skills you need, as well as the information you must study and absorb. We are a Team of Volunteers working together – wanting you to succeed and progress.

You need to realize you are responsible for your own training. No one else can learn for you. You have to develop the skills and study habits that will ensure every flight will be a safe one. **You are responsible for your own progress.** The more often you are at the club and are prepared to fly, the more rapid you will progress and the less frustrated you will be. **It is always best to call the duty instructor before you come down.** This will eliminate much of the briefing time, and gives them an opportunity to ensure you progress at a rate you expect. Most of your learning will be before or after flying. Use your instructors... they want to talk with you!! **Find an experienced club member to MENTOR you though this process.**

- ☞ **Communication:** Once you join the club, you should contact the webmaster, register, and search through the various tabs and links. The **LINKS** section contains many useful documents especially **TRAINING** Materials. You will need to update all your personal information at the **MEMBERS** tab on the website. The webmaster should put your email into the system for weekly notifications and information dissemination.
- ☞ **FAA requirements:** Contact Jim Martin 585-507-0245 to be entered in the FAA IACRA Database (at www.FAA.gov/IACRA) and start the Student Pilot Certificate Process before you begin your training. You will also brief you on what is expected of you and be a good source for any questions you might have. You should read the Glider Pilot Practical test standards (PTS) which can be found on the website under the links tab. This is the document that contains all the requirements, and all the standards for obtaining a private pilot glider certificate. The federal aviation regulations (FARS) parts 61 and 91 contain the rules for certification, and also the rules for flying.
- ☞ **Before you fly:** You should have been issued a logbook, a glider flying handbook, and the Wander flying syllabus. . You should make a copy of the logbook check off sheets located in the links section of the website under: **TRAINING** You must bring a logbook and the checkoff sheets with you every time you come to the field
- ☞ Read the **FAA 8083 -13 glider flying handbook** in its entirety. This is the source document used by the FAA and primary guide to flying. Every time you fly your instructor should give you study assignments for the next flight. You will be asked questions from this book on your knowledge test, and also when the FAA examiner gives you your practical flying evaluation for our Private Pilot Certificate.
- ☞ **Progress:** We use the Wander flying syllabus as a guide your progress. Every flight. Your instructor will sign your logbook. The logbook checkoff sheet should be completed every flight. This is how we track your progress.
- ☞ **Read the club's operating procedures.** This documents many of your club expectations. This documents how to handle the glider, hookup, wing running, launch procedures, and retrieval of the gliders. This document also contains information on safe operations and flying specific to the Dansville airport.
- ☞ **Complete the Wing Runner's course.** This SSA course gives valuable information for launching the gliders and towing.
- ☞ **Mentoring: Find an experienced club member who will mentor you** through your initial operations duties and as you make progress. You will be scheduled approximately once a month to serve as operations director and is a most important safety function. Don't be late and don't miss your duty when scheduled.