

Sky View Aviation - Cost Breakdown

1. Aircraft & Simulator Rates (Hourly)

These rates are subject to change based on aircraft upgrades, fuel costs etc.

- **Cessna 172 (172M, 172N):** \$175/hr
- **Piper PA-28-181 Archer III:** \$200/hr
- **Flight Simulator:** \$85/hr (When used with an instructor, the total combined cost is \$135/hr)
- **Cessna 172D:** \$165/hr (basic avionics, non instrument rated cessna based out of Morganton KMRN, great rental option for pilots)

2. Flight Instructor Rates (Hourly)

- **Private Pilot:** \$50/hr
- **Instrument Rating (CFII):** \$60/hr
- **Commercial Pilot:** \$60/hr
- **CFI Initial Training:** \$70/hr

3. General Materials & Equipment

- **Aviation Headset:** \$150 to \$1,100+ (Passive noise reduction \$150–\$350; Active Noise Reduction / ANR \$800–\$1,100+)
- **iPad mini / Tablet (recommended for ForeFlight EFBs):** \$350 to \$850
- **Kneeboard (Basic VFR kneeboard or iPad kneeboard/mount):** \$15 to \$60
- **VFR/IFR Sectionals & Flight Computer (E6B & Plotter):** \$40 to \$50
- **ForeFlight Subscription (Optional but strongly recommended):** \$120 to \$240/year (recommend base subscription)

4. Certificate-Specific Training Books & Material Kits

- Private Pilot Books & Study Materials (\$150 – \$250 total):
 - Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge (PHAK)
 - Airplane Flying Handbook (AFH)

- Federal Aviation Regulations / Aeronautical Information Manual (FAR/AIM)
- Private Pilot Airman Certification Standards (ACS)
- Private Pilot Oral Exam Guide
- Pilot Logbook & Training Syllabus (Syllabus from your selected ground school)
- Instrument Rating Books & Study Materials (\$100 – \$180 total):
 - Instrument Flying Handbook (IFH)
 - Instrument Procedures Handbook (IPH)
 - Instrument Rating Airman Certification Standards (ACS)
 - Instrument Rating Oral Exam Guide & IFR Enroute Low Charts
- Commercial Pilot Books & Study Materials (\$60 – \$120 total):
 - Commercial Pilot Airman Certification Standards (ACS)
 - Commercial Pilot Oral Exam Guide
 - Advanced Maneuvers / Commercial Flight Manuals
- Flight Instructor (CFI) Books & Study Materials (\$120 – \$220 total):
 - Aviation Instructor's Handbook (AIH)
 - Flight Instructor Practical Test Standards (PTS) / ACS
 - CFI Oral Exam Guide
 - Lesson Plan Templates & Endorsement Guides

5. Ground School, Written Tests, & Written Test Prep Courses

- **Private Pilot Online Ground School:** \$150 to \$300
 - PAR (Private Pilot): \$175
- **Instrument Rating Online Ground School:** \$150 to \$300
 - IRA (Instrument Rating): \$175
- **Commercial Pilot Ground School:** \$150 to \$300
 - CAX (Commercial Pilot): \$175
- **CFI / Fundamentals of Instructing (FOI) Prep:** \$150 to \$250
 - FIA-FOI (Flight Instructor Airplane- Fundamentals of Instructing): \$175 Per
- *Ground school companies: Sporty's, King Schools, Pilot Institute, Gleim.*
- *Written Test Prep apps: Sporty's pilot training / Study Buddy, Sheppard Air, ASA Prepware, King Schools Companion Test Prep App.*

6. Third-Party FAA Testing & Medical Fees

These are unavoidable costs paid directly to examiners or testing centers:

- **Aviation Medical Exam:** \$100 to \$200 (Paid directly to an AME)
- **FAA Written Knowledge Exams:** \$175 to \$185 per exam (Paid to PSI testing center)
- **DPE Practical Test (Checkride) Fees:**
 - **Private, Instrument, and Commercial:** \$600 to \$1,200 (Typically landing around \$700 to \$800)
 - **CFI Initial Checkride:** \$1,000 to \$1,500

7. Scheduling & Cancellation Policy

We use Flight Circle when booking all flight, simulator, and ground lessons.

<https://www.flightcircle.com/>

Follow these steps when scheduling flights within Flight Circle:

1. **Account Login:** Sign into the Flight Circle portal using your pilot or student login credentials.
2. **Schedule Access:** Select schedule, then select view and use split horizontal. (The schedule design can be changed using the view button)
3. **Aircraft/Instructor Selection:** Pick your designated aircraft (such as a Piper or Cessna viewed on the far left of the screen if using split horizontal view) along with an instructor for the lesson if required.
4. **Time Slot Reservation:** Reserve an open 2–3 hour window, ideally booking roughly seven days ahead to guarantee resource availability. **Try to leave at least 30 min between each booking.**
5. **Reservation Confirmation:** Include relevant lesson notes or flight details, then submit to finalize your reservation.
 - a. Flight Circle can deny your request to book for a number of reasons, if you cannot book a flight let your instructor know.

(If you are unable to access flight circle, please let your instructor know asap)

To ensure aircraft availability and respect instructor time, the following policies apply to all scheduled flights:

- **Less than 12-Hour Notice / No-Show:** 1st Occurrence results in a one-time written warning.

- **2nd Occurrence:** \$50 fee.
- **3rd & Subsequent Occurrences:** \$100 fee per instance.

(Exceptions may apply for weather, sudden illness, or documented emergencies).