

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

School bus transportation is provided for all officially approved transportation requests to and from student activities. The use of private vehicles for transportation of students, volunteers, teachers and other employees to and from student activities is discouraged. If the need arises, transportation by private vehicles is permitted only if previously approved by the appropriate administrator.

Students may be permitted to drive or ride in private autos for field trips under the following conditions:

1. They have parental permission to do so.
2. They are legally allowed to drive (i.e., not operating without a valid license).
3. They are not in an obvious physical or mental state which suggests they should not.
4. They voluntarily wish to drive and indicate they are properly insured.
5. No official school transportation is available.

If it is necessary to use private vehicles, evidence must be presented to the appropriate administrator that the vehicle and driver are covered for liability, medical payments, physical damage and uninsured motorist liability. The Board maintains excess insurance through a nonownership liability endorsement to its bus fleet insurance policy covering all private vehicles used for transportation to and from student activities. This excess insurance provides compensation for injury or death to any student or authorized passenger caused by any accident arising out of or in connection with the operation of a private vehicle transporting students and other authorized passengers. The amounts and terms must be agreed upon by the Board and the insurance company.

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