NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Special Transportation

The following uses of district transportation are a privilege not a right, and except where bound by the terms of a lease, the district may revoke that privilege through official board action at a regularly scheduled and legally advertised meeting. The superintendent shall have the authority to modify transportation services for school and extracurricular activities when the funds or available fuel supply for regular transportation services appears to fall below the required level. Further, any student may, in accordance with the state board of education "Student Rights and Responsibilities Code" (WAC 180-40), be denied transportation who violates the district's written rules and regulations by the supervisor of transportation or building principal.

School Activities: Transportation may be provided by the district for all activities which have been officially designated by the board as school activities. The board so designates the following activities:

1. Educational field trips growing out of regular classroom activity which are planned by the teacher, approved by the building principal and supervised by the school staff.

2. Regular curricular activity may include the transportation of team participants in school athletics, music, dramatics, and similar projects when these activities are judged integral to the curricular program.

Extracurricular Activities: The superintendent may authorize the use of district transportation vehicles for extracurricular activities, such as rooters’ buses for games. Such vehicles may be so used only when commercial service is not reasonable available and when the users pay an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for the complete cost of such use. Users of such service shall be limited to those directly involved in the extracurricular activities sponsored by the district. Participants will be supervised by district staff or others as authorized by the superintendent or designee.

Contractual Agreement with Other Agencies: The board may enter into a written agreement with any of the following:

1. A nonprofit organization transporting handicapped children and/or persons at least sixty years of age to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organizations, provided that commercial bus service is not reasonably available for such purpose.

2. A governmental agency transporting personnel, supplies and/or evacuees in the
event of a major forest fire, flood or other natural disaster.

Cooperative Programs: The superintendent may enter into cooperative transportation agreements with other school districts when it is economically advantageous to the cooperating districts and when it does not impair the quality of educational programs available to students.

Legal Reference:  

RCW 28A.160 School Transportation  
392-144 School Bus Driver Qualifications  
392-145 Transportation--Operation Rules

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