OPERATION OF SCHOOL MOTOR VEHICLES BY PARENT, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF

The Board authorizes the operation of a school motor vehicle by a parent, staff or other school volunteer aged 21 or older as approved by the appropriate administrator. Any District parent, employee, or volunteer, other than a bus driver, who transports students for school activities in a District vehicle, must have a valid driver's license issued by the State Department of Licensing, or state of residence, and proof of insurance. Such drivers may only operate vehicles with a seating capacity of ten (10) or less and may not drive students on scheduled routes between home and school.

Prior to driving students, or at least once per school year, each driver must submit to his or her principal or supervisor, a photocopy of his or her license and proof of insurance, plus written assurance of the physical health necessary to safely transport children, that he or she has not had a driving license privilege suspended or revoked in the preceding three (3) years, that he or she has not had three (3) or more speeding tickets in excess of ten (10) miles per hour over the speed limit within any twelve-month (12) period in the preceding three (3) years, and that he or she has not been convicted or undergone a deferred prosecution for any misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or relony that is related to the duty of driving students. Such offenses include but are not limited to those listed in WAC 180-20-101 (1)(j). All drivers are responsible for reporting any potentially disqualifying offenses.

In addition, for any employee whose job assignment or supplemental contract requires the regularly scheduled transportation of students in vehicles with seating capacities of ten (10) or fewer, the District shall obtain a certified abstract of the driving record of the employee before the employee transports students.

Prior authorization is not necessary for persons transporting students in an emergency affecting health and/or safety.

Legal Reference: WAC 180-20-101 (1)(j)