

Policies of the Board of Education

Series 700: Support Services

**BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS**

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The Waunakee Board of Education may contract with private contractors (owners) for student bus transportation. Bus contractors shall be responsible for ensuring that bus drivers follow all rules and regulations adopted by the federal government, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Board of Education when transporting students. They shall also be responsible for ensuring that all vehicles meet all state and federal laws and regulations and are maintained in a safe and efficient operating condition. Bus contractors shall utilize the business manager as their first line of contact with the District regarding transportation matters.

The bus contractor shall:

1. By virtue of the contract with the District, provide the number of buses contracted for in proper condition for student transportation.
2. Attend all meetings conducted by the business manager.
3. Cooperate with the business manager with respect to safety and route recommendations.
4. Provide adequate spare buses to insure normal operation in the event of the breakdown of a regular bus.
5. Provide spare bus drivers to ensure normal operation in the event of the regular bus.
6. Be able to transport students during the school day should an emergency be necessary.

Such contracts between the Board and contractors shall be individual contracts and include the following provisions:

1. Drivers shall be licensed and/or certified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and be subject to the approval of the business manager.
2. All vehicles shall meet the specifications and regulations prescribed by all applicable governing agencies.
3. Bus contractors shall insure each bus at amounts designated by the contract and consistent with legal requirements. A certificate of insurance currently in force shall be filed with the/ business manager prior to the start of school.

School buses shall be limited to a rated capacity not to exceed 80 passengers, except by special authorization of the business manager where need might justify greater capacity.

Legal Ref.:           Sections    110.075 Wisconsin Statutes  
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                          751.21, Bus Drivers  
                          751.3, Bus Safety Program

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