

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: EEAD – Support Services

SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES BY OUTSIDE GROUPS

1. The Board's general philosophy is that transportation equipment purchased by the school district is to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers will not be expected to subsidize transportation for non-school district purposes.
2. Nevertheless, it is the policy of this Board to make available for use, by appropriate community groups, school transportation equipment to the extent that such use does not infringe upon or impair use of school district purposes.
3. Non-school use of school transportation equipment will not include or interfere with:
 - Transportation to, from, and between schools,
 - Transportation for school activities and functions,
 - Emergency transportation of students,
 - Time required for maintenance and service,
 - Provisions for suitable stand-by equipment for school purposes.
4. Youth Activities: With the Superintendent's permission, buses may be rented or used by community groups or non-profit clubs, fraternal societies or other organizations for the transportation of persons, under the age of twenty-one years.
5. Spectator Activities: The Superintendent may grant permission for buses to be used to transport student or adult spectators to interscholastic activities. Adults who are transported shall be charged and students may be charged to cover a prorated share of actual costs of operation.
6. Elderly or Handicapped: The Superintendent may grant permission to non-profit organizations to transport persons fifty-five years of age and older or handicapped persons when that transportation is to provide shelter, health care, nutrition, religious activities, and other necessities of life.
7. Emergency Usage: At various times other school districts, due to emergency or unusual circumstances, request the use of buses owned by the school district. Such usage shall be permitted provided the other district reimburses the Dell Rapids School District for the cost as set forth in the ASBSD Emergency School Bus Pact.
8. Regulations, Fees, and Procedures: The distance a bus may travel for non-school purposes will be determined by the administration. The group or persons using the bus must use one of the district's licensed bus drivers and provide additional insurance as required to assure that passengers, equipment, and the public are insured at a level which will afford protection to the district equal to that carried for normal operations. (This does not apply to item 5 "Spectator Activities.") Other regulations, fees and procedures for community use of school transportation equipment will be developed by the administration and approved by the Board.

LEGAL REF.: SDCL 13-29-1 and
49-28-2

Adopted: April 30, 1985

Revised: May 1997