

NOTICE LANGUAGE REGARDING TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY

This information is intended to notify you that your child may be responsible for arranging his, her, or their own transportation to events associated with co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities for the 2023-2024 school year that occur off-campus. Eastern Carver County Schools (the "District") cannot provide transportation to all practices, games, competitions, and/or events. When the District is not providing transportation to off-campus activities, transportation must be provided by the parent/guardian and/or the child in his or her own vehicle, or by another student or adult who is willing to transport your child. By granting permission for a child to participate in a co-curricular and/or extracurricular activity for which he or she must arrange transportation, the parent or guardian accepts all responsibility and liability for such transportation and all actions of the child during transportation.

The District does not supervise students who provide their own transportation or who ride with other students or families. Parents or guardians are solely responsible for the supervision of their child's transportation to and from events associated with the co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities when the District is not providing transportation.

The District is hereby notifying parents and/or guardians that they should do the following:

1. Discuss with your child the dangers associated with distracted driving, such as the significant risk of injury or death associated with using portable electronic devices in a motor vehicle, driving while impaired, and driving while being distracted by other passengers.
2. Discuss with your child the importance of wearing a seat belt and requiring all passengers in your child's car to do so, as well as the importance of obeying posted speed limits and driving at an appropriate speed based on road conditions.
3. Discuss with your child the requirements of Minnesota's graduated driver's license law, and do not allow your child to transport any other individuals if doing so would violate the conditions placed on an instructional permit or provisional driver's license. If your child is transported by another student, you must ensure that the student who is driving your child is able to legally transport your child.
4. Ensure that any vehicle driven by your child for the purpose of providing his or her own transportation to events associated with the co-curricular and/or extracurricular activity is insured to the extent required by Minnesota law.
5. Ensure that your child or whoever will be transporting your child is a responsible driver and does not pose a risk of harm to other motorists or passengers.

Parents and/or guardians must be aware of the inherent risks and dangers involved with motor vehicle transportation and will be solely responsible for such risks. The District will not be liable for any actions, claims, and/or demands arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury sustained in connection with your child's transportation to or from the locations of events associated with the extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity, unless your child or property is directly harmed or injured by the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the District or its agents.

The District will not have any involvement, control, or supervision over transportation provided by other students or adults who are not representatives of the District, nor will it make any statements or assurances regarding such transportation.



Permission Form and Release of Liability for Student Transportation to or from Eastern Carver County Schools Co-Curricular Activities & Athletics

From: The Parents/Guardians of: _____

Name of Activity (or Activities): _____

Date(s): _____

The purpose of this form is to provide my authorization for my child, _____, to provide or arrange for his or her own transportation to locations of events associated with the activity or activities identified above for the 2023-2024 school year. This transportation may be provided by my child in his or her own vehicle, or by another student or adult who is willing to transport my child. I understand and agree that Eastern Carver County Schools (the "District") does not supervise students who provide their own transportation or who ride with other students or families. I further understand and agree that I am solely responsible for the supervision of my child's transportation to and from the locations of events associated with the activity or activities identified above.

By signing this document, I agree to the following:

1. I have discussed with my child the dangers associated with distracted driving, such as the significant risk of injury or death associated with using portable electronic devices in a motor vehicle, driving while impaired, and driving while being distracted by other passengers.
2. I have discussed with my child the importance of wearing a seat belt and requiring all passengers in my child's car to do so. I have discussed with my child the importance of obeying posted speed limits and driving at an appropriate speed based on road conditions.
3. I have discussed with my child the requirements of Minnesota's graduated driver's license law. I will not allow my child to transport any other individuals if doing so violates the conditions placed on an instructional permit or provisional driver's license. If my child is transported by another student, I will ensure that the student who is driving my child is able to legally transport my child.
4. I will ensure that any vehicle driven by my child for the purpose of providing his or her own transportation to events associated with the activity identified above is insured to the extent required by Minnesota law.
5. I understand that I am solely responsible for ensuring that my child or whoever will be transporting my child is a responsible driver and does not pose a risk of harm to other motorists or passengers.

In some cases, I understand that the District provides transportation to the same location and instead prefer to have my child transport him/herself. In consideration for allowing Student to travel separate from the District-provided transportation, and knowing the inherent risks and dangers involved with motor

vehicle transportation, I hereby voluntarily assume such risks and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby voluntarily waive, release, and forever hold harmless the District and its current and former board members, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, insurers, and representatives from any and all liability, actions, claims, and demands arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury sustained in connection with my child's transportation to or from the locations of events associated with the activity or activities identified above, unless my child or property is directly harmed or injured by the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the District or its agents.

I understand that students and other parents may arrange for transportation to and from the locations of events associated with the activity or activities identified above, but that the District does not have any involvement, control, or supervision over transportation provided by other students or adults who are not representatives of the District, nor does it make any statements or assurances regarding such transportation.

I hereby further agree to fully defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its current and former board members, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, insurers, and representatives against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for any and all loss, damage, or injury arising out of my child providing his or her own transportation associated with the activity or activities identified above or my child receiving transportation associated with the activity or activities identified above from another student or adult who is not a representative of the District.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date