

## **PRIVATE VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION**

From the standpoint of economics and scheduling, there are times when student activities necessitate that transportation be provided by means other than school vehicles. When this is the case, the safety of students must be carefully considered.

### **Student Drivers**

Students may not drive personal automobiles outside the school district for school activities unless they are in a caravan or their driving is a requirement of the class they are taking such as driver training, work-student or health occupations. They are to carry liability insurance and hold a valid drivers license. In the case of driver training activities, a valid learner's permit will suffice as a license.

Students are not to drive to or from any other school sponsored activities without the express approval of the Board of Directors.

### **Adult Drivers**

Adults may drive students to student activities if they provide the district with information concerning their insurance coverage and hold a valid driver's license. Adults as defined here are individuals who have reached 21 years of age, but are not brothers, sisters, boyfriends or girlfriends of any of the riders.

The principal or his designee will be responsible for ensuring that liability insurance is carried and drivers possess valid driver's licenses. In addition, the administration must approve all drivers.

The board authorizes the use of private vehicles under the following circumstances:

- A. Under unusual circumstances, the district may request parents, or a responsible adult, to drive children to school in their own vehicles on a per-mile cost reimbursable basis. The transportation department determines when "in-lieu" transportation would be advantageous to the district and arranges its implementation. In cases where car pools are formed by families, reimbursement shall be provided only to the parent whose car is used to transport the students to school.
- B. Upon written approval of the principal, staff may transport students when a student's welfare is involved; when due care dictates prompt action, when engaged in occasional field trip activity or when engaged in an occasional extracurricular activity. The staff member shall acknowledge that he/she agrees to assume full responsibility for any liability or property damage, comprehensive or collision, made by or against the driver/owner of the vehicle. The district's liability insurance shall cover the risk assumed by the district. The mileage of the staff member shall be reimbursed by the district.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for the use of private auto transportation.

