

SECTION 7

TRANSPORTATION



SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412

GUIDELINES FOR TRANSPORTATION

The district will provide transportation for students in competitive **athletic** events when they participate as representatives of the Shoreline School District as follows:

High School Varsity Athletics:

- The Shoreline School District will provide round trip transportation for WESCO competition events north of Everett, including Marysville, Snohomish, Arlington, Stanwood and north.
- The District will provide transportation meeting the above parameter to non-league contests and jamborees that have received prior approval from the District Athletic Director. Building program ASB budgets must pay for Invitational and unapproved non-league transportation.
- The District will provide transportation to post season events as determined by the District Athletic Director. Transportation arrangements must have prior approval.

High School C and JV Athletics

- The Shoreline School District will provide one-way transportation for WESCO competition events to Everett. Transportation for C and JV teams for sites north of Everett will be the same as Varsity.
- The District will provide transportation to non-league contests and jamborees that have received prior approval from the District Athletic Director.
- At the coach's request, the District will provide one way shuttle drop off to all events in the Mukilteo School District. **Return transportation will not be provided.**

Middle School Athletics:

- The District will provide round trip transportation for all middle school athletic events.

Non-Athletic Activities

- Transportation for all non-athletic activities, including but not limited to: dance/drill competitions, cheer, music contests, debate meets, drama meets, drama contests and vocational activities will be the responsibility of the participating school's ASB as determined by the designated building administrator.

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1. TEAM BUSES

Schools are to submit bus needs to the District Athletic Office per the Transportation Guidelines. The school is responsible for working with the District Athletic Office to notify the transportation office of any changes due to cancellations or changes in the schedule, etc.

The following points are important for coaches to keep in mind:

- a. Teams are to be ready to leave the school at the scheduled departure time. This means ready to board the bus without delay.
- b. No cleated or spiked shoes are to be worn on the bus.
- c. Coaches should caution their students about keeping the bus as clean as possible and to act as representatives of their school.
- d. Athletes are not to use the bus to change clothes prior to or after an event.
- e. Coaches need to know the site/address of away games.
- f. It may be necessary at times to share a bus with another team.

2. SCHOOL BUSES AND CHARTER BUSES

At times, the Transportation Dept., may hire charter buses to transport teams. If a charter bus is scheduled, a coach/district employee must ride on the bus.

3. EXCUSED FROM RIDING TEAM BUSES

It is the expectation that when round trip school transportation is provided that all students ride to and from the game on the school bus. Exceptions should be seldom and made only with prior permission from the coach with a note from the parent.

USE OF SEAT BELTS AND/OR OCCUPANT RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

It is the policy of Shoreline School District that all persons operating or riding in the following designations of vehicles while on district business shall use seat belts or the entire restraint system in the prescribed manner:

1. all district-owned vehicles, except school buses.
2. all private vehicles being used for district business and receiving mileage compensation.
3. all private vehicles being used to transport students or district employees.

Legal Reference: RCW 46.61

SPECIAL ATHLETIC TRIPS

Tournaments, Invitationals and/or Post Season Competitions

It is the policy of the Shoreline School District to allow special athletic trips within the limitations of definite guidelines to be administered by the staff. The board will consider and take action on each specific proposal for a high school athletic team to participate in competition beyond the WIAA limit of 600 miles round trip.

All expenses, except for substitute teachers, shall be the responsibility of the participants and/or their families.

PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL ATHLETIC TRIPS

1. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach along with the building athletic director to initiate procedure for special athletic trips.
2. The necessary information regarding the trip (dates involved, means and costs of transportation, arrangements for an overnight stay, if necessary, and plans for financing the trip) must be developed by the coach before a request is submitted to the building principal for approval of the trip.
3. The building athletic director shall make a recommendation to the District Athletic Director, whose approval is required before the request is sent to the school board for final approval.
4. For all special athletic trip requests that require travel beyond the Cascade mountains, beyond Puget Sound, north of Blaine, WA and south of Olympia, WA, and any overnight trips, must be submitted on an Extended Field Trip form and submitted for school board approval at least 30 days in advance of the trip.

