

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

School bus transportation is provided for all officially approved transportation requests to and from student activities. The use of private vehicles for transportation of students, volunteers, teachers, and other employees to and from student activities is discouraged. The District recognizes and permits parents or legal guardians to sign out students after a student activity. In emergency situations only, another parent may be authorized to take a student home. This recognition by the District is an acknowledgement of release of custody of the student(s) and the District assumes no responsibility or liability that may result from actions or inactions that occur after the student has been signed out. However, if the activity (athletic or extracurricular) supervisor requires the students to ride the bus to and from the event, that would supersede the sign-out procedure.

If it is necessary to use private vehicles on a routine basis, evidence must be presented to the appropriate administrator that the vehicle, driver, and purpose meet the requirements in the Ohio Administrative Code for transportation in vehicles other than school buses, and that the driver is listed as a certified van driver by the Ohio Department of Education. The Board may procure accident insurance covering all pupils and other authorized passengers transported under the authority of the Board. This excess insurance provides compensation for injury or death to any student or authorized passenger caused by any accident arising out of or in connection with the operation of a private vehicle transporting students and other authorized passengers. The amounts and terms must be agreed upon by the Board and the insurance company.

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