

The following uses of District transportation are a privilege, not a right, and, except where bound by the terms of a lease, the District may revoke that privilege through official Board action at a legally advertised meeting. The Superintendent will have the authority to modify transportation services for school and extracurricular/co-curricular activities when the available fuel supply for regular transportation services appears to fall below the required level.

School Activities

Transportation may be provided by the district for all activities which have been officially designated by the Board as school activities. Activities may include, but not be limited to:

1. Educational field trips growing out of regular classroom activity which are planned by the teacher, approved by the principal, and supervised by school staff, provided that any overnight trip or any trip that takes students out of the state requires prior approval of the Superintendent; and
2. Athletics, debate, drama, or music programs or other Board-approved co-curricular programs.

Participants in any other activity who feel such activity should be considered an official school activity may petition the Board, through the Superintendent, to have it considered as a school activity.

Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent may authorize the use of district transportation vehicles transporting nonparticipating students to extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Such vehicles may be so used only when commercial service is not reasonably available and when the users pay an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for the complete cost of such use. District drivers shall be used on all such trips. Participants will be supervised by staff.

Leasing of Buses

The Board may enter into a written lease agreement with any of the following:

1. A nonprofit organization transporting students with disabilities and/or persons at least sixty (60) years of age to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organization, provided that commercial bus service is not reasonably available for such purpose;

2. A governmental agency transporting personnel, supplies, and/or evacuees in the event of a major forest fire, flood, or other natural disaster;
3. A government entity for transportation of members of the public or other noncommon school purposes pursuant to RCW 28A.160.120;
4. A user conducting an educational recreation program supported wholly or in part by tax funds.

Such a lease agreement will contain a clause absolving the district of any and all liability arising from the lessee's use and operation of the District's buses and a clause requiring the lessee to maintain adequate insurance to recompense the District for the potential loss of the buses leased.

Potential users will stipulate in writing that commercial or charter bus service is not reasonably available to provide the services for which a school bus is needed. The user will reimburse the District for the actual costs plus a reasonable fee for use of the bus. Funds derived from the lease of a surplus bus will be deposited in the transportation vehicle fund. If a bus is a part of the regular fleet, the funds derived from a rental or lease agreement may be deposited in the general fund.

Cooperative Programs

The Board may enter into cooperative transportation agreements with other districts when it is economically advantageous to the cooperating districts and when it does not impair the quality of educational programs available to students.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.160.010

Operation of Student Transportation Program - Responsibility of Local District - Transporting of Elderly - Insurance

RCW 28A.160.040

Lease of Buses to Transport Children with Disabilities and Elderly-- Limitation

RCW 28A.160.070

Lease of Buses to Transport Children with Disabilities and Elderly-- Elderly Persons Defined- Program Limitation

RCW 28A.160.080

School Buses, Rental or Lease for emergency purposes - Authorization

RCW 28A.160.100

School Buses, Transportation of
General Public to Interscholastic
Activities - Limitations

RCW 28A.160.120

Agreements with Other Governmental
Entities for Transportation of Public or
Other Noncommon School Purposes--
Limitations

RCW 28A.335.060

Surplus School Property, Rental,
Lease or use of Disposition of
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