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Non School Use of District Vehicles

The board has made the buildings and grounds of the district's public schools available for nonprofit use, provided that in the opinion of the chief school administrator such use would not conflict with, impede or negatively affect the operation of any school-related activities. The board will also make school-owned vehicles available to transport groups of qualified senior or disabled citizens to civic, social, cultural, educational, recreational, nutritional and health programs and activities within the district, or in the immediately surrounding districts, provided the distance does not exceed 10 miles. "Qualified" senior citizens are persons over 60 residing in the area served by this school district and their spouses of less than 60 if they are accompanying them.

Further, the board will make district buses available to groups of children and adults for transportation to and from municipal programs or events.

The chief school administrator shall formulate administrative regulations in conformity with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.8 and all other pertinent law. These regulations shall provide for payment by the group of all costs incurred by the district in such use of its vehicles. The regulations will also refer to, without duplicating, all current regulations governing conduct of the public on and/or using school facilities.

The board shall approve the use of buses for all non-school purposes.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22	School buses; use by senior citizens, handicapped, and children and adults in certain municipal programs
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22.1	Use of school buses owned, leased or contracted by school district for transportation of certain handicapped adults
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.2	Capacity
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.8	Use of school buses other than to and from school and school related activities

Possible Cross References:

*1330	Use of school facilities
*3515	Smoking prohibition

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

Key Words

Senior Citizens' Busing, Handicapped Citizens' Busing, Municipal Programs Busing, Non School Use of District Vehicles

**Mandated only if the board wishes to do it.