540 STUDENT USE OF VEHICLES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify for students, parents and staff the school district's policy regarding the student's use of a privately-owned vehicle during the school day.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The determination as to whether a student may drive a privately-owned vehicle during the school day shall be made solely by school building administration. The determination shall include, but not be limited to, written approval from the parent/guardian, determination of an approved purpose for vehicle use, weather conditions and purpose for the use and need for transportation. A student may use a privately-owned vehicle for school functions with parent/guardian and administrative approval.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. "Optional School Function" means a school function that does not require a student to participate in the function as part of his/her regular learning day. This includes optional school class/courses, co-curricular events and school-sanctioned activities.

B. "Required School Function" means functions that are required for students to participate in for a class/course during a regular school day. These functions must have administrative approval and include class field trips and experiences.

C. "Regular School Day" means from the assigned start of the school day to the assigned end of the school day for students at the high school.

D. "Approved Students" means students in grades 10, 11 or 12. The school district reserves the right to deny students the use of a privately-owned vehicle if the established guidelines are not followed.

IV. ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES

Below are the established guidelines for determining the approval of a student using a privately-owned vehicle:

A. A student must have a properly registered driver's license and his/her vehicle must be properly registered and insured.

B. A student may request to use a privately-owned vehicle for an optional function that has been approved by the administration including:

1. A school class/course

2. Co-curricular event

3. School sanctioned activity

4. Senior 'off campus' privilege

5. An approved school absence

C. Parent/guardian written permission is required and verbal permission will be allowed when approved by the administration. A student must also receive approval from the school office to leave the campus during the regular school day. A student may not transport other students.

D. The district recognizes student use of a privately-owned vehicle as a privilege. The school administration has the right to deny the request of a student to use his/her private vehicle if school expectations are not met.

Cross References:
Policy 538 (Student Travel)
Policy 707 (Transportation of Public School Students)
Policy 710 (Extracurricular, Co-Curricular and School Activities Transportation)

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