[See POLICY ALERT No. 238]

8662 TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE OR DISTRICT-OWNED VEHICLES – TO AND FROM SCHOOL

The Board of Education may designate school personnel who are not licensed as school bus drivers to transport students between home and school in a private or district-owned vehicle with a capacity of eight or fewer passengers, excluding the driver, provided the designated school personnel meet the criteria and requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(c), N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(d), and this Policy.

For the purpose of this Policy, "school personnel" means any person employed by the school district pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(b)1.

For the purpose of this Policy, "designated individual" means an individual designated by the Board to transport students between home and school in a private or district-owned vehicle.

The Board requires the designated school personnel to meet, at a minimum, the following criteria pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1.:

1. Be at least twenty-one years of age;

2. Possess a valid New Jersey driver's license for a minimum of three years;

3. Have completed, within the past year, a physical examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2., a copy of which is on file with the district;

4. Have completed, within the past year, a criminal history background check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1.;

5. Have completed, within the past year, a Child Abuse Record Information (CARI) check that demonstrates no evidence of abuse;

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6. Have submitted, to the district, a driver history abstract that demonstrates evidence of no alcohol- or drug-related motor vehicle violations in the past five years;

7. Provide written consent to allow the district to conduct monthly motor vehicle record checks pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:2-3.4.c.; and

8. Have completed the training required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.1a.c. and N.J.S.A. 18A:39-19.2.

No later than August 15 of each year, the district shall provide, to the Executive County Superintendent, the following:

1. A list of school personnel who have been designated to provide student transportation between home and school;

2. A copy of each designated individual's driver history abstract documenting that, in the previous five years, the individual has not committed an alcohol- or drug-related motor vehicle violation, or any other motor vehicle violation, that would disqualify the individual from transporting students pursuant to Title 18A or Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes; and

3. Documentation of automobile liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage in an amount in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.6(a).

School personnel shall not transport students between home and school pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(b) and this Policy if the school personnel are not included on the list required at N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(d) and this Policy or if the list is not provided to the Executive County Superintendent by the August 15 due date.

A designated individual shall immediately notify the district of any alcohol- or drug-related motor vehicle violation, or any other motor vehicle violation, that would disqualify the individual from transporting students pursuant to Title 18A or Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes, if the violation occurs in the current school year during which the individual has been designated to transport students between home and school.

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The district shall access, on a monthly basis, each designated individual's driving record to ensure the individual has not committed a disqualifying offense.

If the district discovers that a designated individual has committed a disqualifying offense, pursuant to Title 18A or Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes, the district shall immediately notify the Executive County Superintendent of the offense and shall immediately remove the individual from the list of designated drivers.

Any vehicle used to transport students only pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(a), N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(b), or this Policy shall meet all State and Federal standards and requirements specific to the vehicle and in accordance with the transported student's IEP, if applicable.

Any vehicle used to transport students only pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(a), N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6(b) or this Policy shall be exempt from the requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1, N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.2(a), N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.4, N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.9, and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1.

A designated individual shall be exempt from the requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.3, and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-12.1 except as set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1.
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1; 6A:27-7.2; 6A:27-7.4; 6A:27-7.6; 6A:27-7.9;
6A:27-11.2; 6A:27-11.3; 6A:27-12.1

Adopted:

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