USE OF ALTERNATIVE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS

Although transportation by school bus is the District's primary method of providing student transportation services, the District Administrator, or his/her designee, may approve the District's provision of student transportation services via the use of a vehicle other than a school bus, provided that the use of such vehicles is done in a manner that is consistent with state law and applicable Board policies.

Under no circumstances shall the District authorize a District employee or volunteer to provide student transportation using an alternative vehicle that (1) is manufactured to accommodate more than nine passengers, in addition to the driver; (2) does not have a sufficient number of permanently-mounted and forward-facing seats for each passenger; (3) was manufactured more than 25 model years ago; or (4) is a homemade, street modified, or replica vehicle.

- District Employees Authorized to Drive an Alternative Vehicle to Transport Students
 Specific administrative procedures shall be developed which shall be used to authorize a District
 employee to drive a privately-owned, District-owned, or District-leased motor vehicle to transport
 students within the scope of the individual's employment. No District employee who has not been
 authorized to do so under the District's procedures shall use a motor vehicle to transport students
 in carrying out, or in connection with, any job-related duty.
- Non-Student, Adult Volunteer Drivers Who Use a Personal Vehicle and Receive No Compensation

Specific administrative procedures shall be developed which shall be used to authorize a non-student volunteer driver who is at least 18 years old to transport students under the conditions that (1) the driver uses a specifically-identified, privately-owned vehicle; and (2) the driver is not receiving any compensation from the District for his/her volunteer services.

This policy is not intended to apply to any situation where (1) a parent or guardian is providing transportation solely to his/her own child(ren) by means selected entirely by the parent or guardian; or (2) students and/or parents or guardians otherwise make their own, voluntary arrangements for transportation (i.e., the transportation in question is not District-provided transportation).

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 110.075 [motor vehicle inspection]

Section 121.52 [vehicle, operator and driver requirements]

Section 121.53 [school bus insurance]

Section 121.54 [transportation by school districts]
Section 121.55 [methods of providing transportation]

Section 121.555 [alternative methods of providing transportation]

Chapter 347 [equipment of vehicles]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Trans 305 [standards for vehicle equipment]

CROSS REFERENCES:

District Fleet Manual

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