

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION

The following uses of district transportation are a privilege, not a right, and, except where bound by the terms of a lease, the district can revoke that privilege through official board action at a regularly scheduled and legally advertised meeting. The Superintendent will have the authority to modify transportation services for school and extracurricular activities when the available fuel supply for regular transportation services appears to fall below the required level. District administrators working with the district transportation department can deny transportation to any student who violates the district's written rules and regulations.

A. School Activities

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

1. Educational field trips of a regular classroom activity which is planned by the teacher, approved by the building principal, and supervised by school staff member(s), provided that any out of state and international travel requires prior approval of the board; 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 will petition the board, through the Superintendent or designee, to have it considered as a school activity.

B. Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent may authorize the use of district transportation vehicles transporting nonparticipating students, staff members, and volunteers to activities. District drivers will be used on all such trips. Participants will be supervised by staff member(s).

C. 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 individuals at least sixty (60) years of age to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such individuals by such organizations, 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; or
3. An individual conducting an educational recreation program supported 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/vehicles and a clause requiring the lessee to maintain adequate insurance to recompense the district for the potential loss of the buses/vehicles leased. Individuals 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 individual(s) 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 will be deposited in the general fund.

D. 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.

Cross References: 21

- 2150 - Co-curricular Program
- 2151 - Interscholastic Activities
- 2153 - Noncurricular-Related Students Groups
- 2170 - Career and Technical Education
- 2180 - Parent, Family and Community Partnerships
- 2320 - Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education
- 4120 - School Support Organizations
- 4320 - Cooperative Program with Other Districts and Public Agencies
- 4330 - Cooperation with Private and Parochial Schools and Day Care Agencies
- 6112 - Rental or Lease of District Property
- 6500 - Risk Management
- 6511 - Safety Program
- 6600 - Transportation

- 6605 - Student Safety Walking to School and Riding Buses
- 6608 - Video Cameras on School Buses
- 6625 - Private Vehicle Transportation
- 6640 - School Owned Vehicles
- 6690 - Contracting for Transportation Services
- 6800 - Safety, Operations and Maintenance of School Property

Legal References:

RCW28A.160.010 Operation of student transportation program — Responsibility of local district — Transporting of elderly — Insurance

RCW28A.160.040 Lease of buses to transport children with disabilities and elderly — Limitation

RCW28A.160.070 Lease of buses to transport children with disabilities and elderly — Elderly persons defined — Program limitation

RCW28A.160.080 School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes — Authorization

RCW28A.160.100 School buses, transportation of general public to interscholastic activities— Limitations

RCW28A.160.120 Agreements with other governmental entities for transportation of public or other non-common school purposes — Limitations

RCW28A.335.060 Surplus school property — Rental, lease or use of — Disposition of moneys received from

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