

Use of School Vehicles by Community Groups

The general philosophy of the district is that school vehicles purchased by the school district are to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers shall not be expected to subsidize the expense of providing school vehicles or personnel not necessary for school district purposes. Nevertheless, it is the district's policy to make available for use by appropriate community groups school vehicles to the extent that such use does not impinge upon or impair use for school district purposes.

Among community groups that qualify for the use of school vehicles are those composed of citizens 65 years of age and older. Such groups shall be given special consideration as required by the statute relating to community use of school vehicles. As permitted by law, all groups shall be expected to pay the actual costs involved in the use of school vehicles.

Nonschool use of school vehicles shall not be intermingled with student transportation, nor shall it interfere with:

1. Student transportation to, from and between schools.
2. Student transportation for school activities and functions.
3. Emergency transportation for students.
4. Time required for maintenance and service of vehicles.
5. Provision of standby vehicles for school purposes.

Regulations for community use of school vehicles shall be developed by the administration.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-128 (*use of school vehicles by residents of district*)

CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-1, Global Executive Constraint

EL-4, Communication and Counsel to the Board

EL-9, Treatment of Students, Parents and Community

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The transportation director or designee shall determine the hours and days when school vehicles may be used by nonschool community groups. This information will be made available to community groups through the office of the superintendent of schools.

The transportation director or designee shall be responsible for approving and scheduling in the time available the use of school vehicles by community groups. In approving and scheduling such use, such official will apply the following criteria:

1. No use by groups of less than five will be approved.
2. Insurance coverage must:
 - a. be provided by the users
 - b. be in effect during the time of any such use, with coverage similar to and limits not less than the insurance coverage which is in effect while the school vehicle is being used for transportation of students
3. No use will be approved which involves travel over roads or distances which are unduly wearing or damaging to the vehicle or for which the vehicle is inappropriate.
4. Use will not be approved if the fuel consumption involved adversely affects the fuel availability for school district purposes.
5. Any approval of use will be subject to cancellation in the event of adverse road, weather or other conditions which could reasonably present a danger to passengers, drivers or vehicles or in the event of unexpected or emergency school needs.
6. Use will not be approved unless some individual identifies himself/herself as coordinator or leader of the group and agrees to assume the responsibility for collection and remittance to the district of the required reimbursement.
7. Use will be approved only where the group requesting such use submits a written request at least 30 days prior to the use, designating the number of riders, the dates and hours of use, the pickup and delivery points, and such other information as the transportation director or designee deems appropriate. Each such request must be accompanied by a deposit in the approximate amount of the reimbursement which will be required as determined by the business officer or designee. Upon final determination of reimbursement required, the deposit will be supplemented by the users or a refund made by the district as is appropriate.
8. Use will not be approved if it is for partisan political activity, activity promoting or opposing any sectarian views, activity which is potentially disruptive or dangerous, activity which if uniformly extended would result in uses which

would impinge upon school use or activities of a similar nature which are inappropriate for school district participation.

9. Special consideration will be given to groups comprised primarily of persons 65 years of age or older.
10. Use will be approved only where the vehicle and service available are appropriate to the physical condition of the users.
11. Use will be approved only where the group requesting such use is open to all persons who may be reasonably and appropriately included in the group.

All such use will be subject to the availability of appropriate vehicles and district personnel. The transportation director or designee may impose such requirements as are deemed necessary relative to supervisory personnel accompanying any group utilizing school vehicles. School vehicles may only be driven by school vehicle operators in compliance with policy EEAEA.

Any group availing itself of use pursuant to these regulations shall agree to and shall reimburse the school district for all of the expenses for operation of such school vehicles as determined by the school district business official. Such expenses in addition to any others approved by the business official will, upon approval of the business official, include the following:

1. The actual cost of salaries of vehicle operators and other personnel involved in providing or facilitating the transportation by the non-school group.
2. The actual *pro rata* cost to the district, if any, of the insurance required to be provided.
3. The actual cost of fuel and oil consumed.
4. A reasonable *pro rata* assessment to cover maintenance.
5. A reasonable assessment to cover a *pro rata* share of depreciation.
6. A reasonable assessment to cover a *pro rata* share of driver preparation and training cost.
7. All costs resulting from vandalism occurring during the use.

Incidental costs such as but not limited to alternative transportation in the event of a breakdown, feeding and housing of users, and similar costs will be the responsibility of the group using the school vehicle.

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