

Policy

PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

Students who have approval to drive a privately owned vehicle to and from school are prohibited from transporting themselves and/or other students to and from school related activities. Students shall only be transported to and from school related activities by authorized school personnel in school vehicles; by school authorized volunteer drivers in approved private vehicles; or by the student's parent/guardian with prior written and signed notification.

Authorization for student drivers is strictly limited to the student, and with parental consent, his or her sibling, to and from school, in accordance with the signed parental consent form. Any other unauthorized use of the student vehicle during the school day or a school related activity, including transporting themselves or another student, is strictly prohibited and shall result in the revocation of the driving privilege and/or other disciplinary measures. Students and passengers who drive to a school related activity in an unauthorized vehicle shall not be permitted participate in the activity; their parents notified; and they may be barred from future activities. Students enrolled in the vocational program shall be permitted to drive to and from the vocational school with written parental consent.

Parents/guardians shall be permitted to drive their own child to and/or from school related activities with proper notification to school personnel.

Parents/guardians, staff, coaches and all other persons are prohibited from providing transportation in a privately owned vehicle unless authorized by the school in accordance with law and this policy.

The superintendent or his or her designee shall consider the type of activity, the total number of students involved, and the availability of appropriate vehicles. Groups of students too small in number to make economical use of Type I or Type II vehicles may be transported in privately owned passenger vehicles driven by qualified school personnel, state employees and parents/guardians.

Transportation of Pupils by District Employees as Part of Assigned Duties

District employees who transport students in a private vehicle during working hours as part of their assigned duties shall:

- A. Have a current New Jersey (or other) driver's license with no convictions for moving violations;
- B. Use a privately owned passenger vehicle of eight or fewer capacity with evidence of at least the statutorily required insurance coverage. The vehicle must have a current inspection sticker;
- C. Conform to all safety practices set forth in the regulations to this policy.

Implementation of this section shall be in conformity with applicable negotiated agreement.

Note: employees who use district-owned vehicles must conform to a, b and c. The district is responsible for maintenance of the vehicle and adequate insurance. A district is not obligated to negotiate over actual assignments. It must bargain upon demand over compensation related to such assignments.

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Key Words

Privately Owned Vehicles, Auxiliary Pupil Transportation, Pupil Transportation, Student Transportation

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6 Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1 Transportation to/from school activities in private vehicle
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.5 Insurance
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6 Transportation to and from related school activities
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.7 Parent transporting his or her own child or children

Possible

Cross References: *5020 Role of parents/guardians
*6145 Extracurricular activities
*6145.1/6145.2 Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
*6153 Field trips

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.