

School transportation may be used in connection with the operation and support of extracurricular and student activities upon approval of the superintendent or designee. A use charge will be charged against the activity or sponsoring student-group requesting the transportation.

Students riding to an activity in a school bus/district owned vehicle are expected to return on it. (The principal alone can make an exception.) Students on such trips are required to comply with the rules and regulations governing daily school transportation and follow all school district policy and school handbook regulations.

Non-participating students or children of chaperones and/or district staff are not allowed to travel on school, district, or board-approved tours, excursions, or overnight trips. Refer Policy 577.

DISTRICT OWNED VEHICLE OTHER THAN BUS WITH STUDENT PASSENGERS

In general, transportation to and from approved activities will be on a standard route bus (16 and above passenger rating). With annual approval by the Board of Trustees, the following exceptions may be considered:

1. Approved student groups of six (6), including the driver/advisor or less may travel in a school owned vehicle other than a bus. Approved student groups of 7-16 including the driver/advisor may travel on the 16-passenger bus. If there is only one student, that student will be transported by parents.
2. The driver/advisor of the school owned vehicles with student passengers will hold a minimum "Class C" CDL drivers' license.
3. Drivers of district owned vehicles with student passengers must complete the district driver safety course. This course will be conducted by state certified trainers of drivers of commercial vehicles and will include a class and a driving (including when loaded) portion.
4. Drivers of district owned vehicles will drive no more than seven (7) hours a day and plan trips to accommodate this requirement.
5. Drivers must not use a cellular phone while the vehicle is in motion (including hands-free devices).
6. The driver/advisor will be compensated at the established rate of activity pay for the hours driving both to and from the activity.

USE OF DISTRICT VEHICLES

1. All use of district owned vehicles must be authorized by the following: building principal, superintendent, and transportation supervisor.
2. District vehicles may only be used for authorized district purposes.

VEHICLE OPERATION STANDARDS

1. Drivers of district vehicles must observe all state and local traffic laws.
1. Drivers and all occupants must wear a seatbelt at all times. The driver must verify that all seatbelts are fastened before the vehicle is put in motion.
2. Drivers of district vehicles must observe all posted speed limits including reduced speed construction zones and road hazard warnings.
3. Drivers are encouraged to briefly rest from driving every 2 hours.
4. Total driving time must not exceed seven (7) hours per day.
5. Drivers of district vehicles must use good judgment concerning weather and driving conditions by reviewing weather conditions in advance of the trip and make prudent travel adjustments when necessary. Travel plans should allow for emergency stop-overs and associated expenses due to bad weather. Drivers must slow down if adverse weather conditions exist. Travel should not proceed in extreme weather conditions.
6. Drivers of district vehicles are responsible for the safe operation and condition of the vehicle they are driving and should be familiar with the vehicle safety equipment. Vehicle problems or concerns should be promptly reported to the district transportation supervisor.
7. Loading (including passengers) should not exceed the manufacturer’s capacity limits. Adding storage or luggage racks above any vehicle is not allowed.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code §33-512(12)

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