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**Student Transportation Services Contractor and Equipment**

Student transportation services shall be provided by private contractors consistent with contractual arrangements as offered by the Board of Education from time to time.

The student transportation services contract shall be determined by public competitive bid and shall be qualified in all ways as required by Connecticut General Statutes. Bidders shall submit, at the time of the bid, a list and description of vehicles to be used, and shall update this list by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year for approval by the Superintendent or designee of the Superintendent.

Contracts for transportation approved by the district shall contain, at a minimum, the following provisions:

1. assurance that the contractor will establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that meets federal requirements;
2. number of buses, including type of vehicles and fleet age, and specifications regarding equipment that is acceptable;
3. communication equipment required on each bus;
4. personnel including drivers, dispatchers, supervisors, and such other staff as are required to effectively implement the terms of the contract;
5. details regarding establishment of routes and schedules, and the method for amendment thereto;
6. compensation including regular routes, field trips, and extra trips, and the specific means for invoicing services;
7. requirements for performance, and penalties for nonperformance under the contract;
8. requirement that the contractor cooperate with the Superintendent or any designee of the Superintendent in following District procedures for the handling of complaints;

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9. insurance requirements; and
10. declaration that the contractor meets or exceeds all legal requirements to enter into a contract for student transportation services.

Contractors shall garage their vehicles within the geographic limits of the Madison Public Schools' district or neighboring towns.

School bus evacuation drills shall be conducted twice during each school year. Documentation shall be provided to the Superintendent or designee demonstrating compliance with this requirement.

Contractors shall cooperate with the District with respect to supporting the routing decisions made by the District.

Legal Reference: USC, Title 49  
2717 Alcohol and controlled substances testing (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991)  
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49  
40 Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs  
382 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing  
395 Hours of Service Drivers  
*Holiday v. City of Modesto* (1991) 229 Cal. App. 3d. 528, 540.  
*International Brotherhood of Teamsters v. Department of Transportation*  
932 F. 2d 1292 (1991)  
*American Trucking Association, Inc. v. Federal Highway Administration*, (1995) WL 136022 (4th circuit)  
Connecticut General Statutes  
PA 95-140 An Act Authorizing Drug Testing of Drivers of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle.

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