

Transportation Equipment**Privately Owned Vehicles****Use of Ridesharing Services**

The Principal of each District school shall maintain lists of individuals who are authorized to obtain the release of students in attendance at the school. No student may be released in the custody of any individual, not the parent or guardian of the student, unless the individual's name appears on the list.

The Board, while not endorsing/approving the ridesharing practice, recognizes there may be instances when parents/guardians may find it convenient for their children to use a third-party ridesharing service (e.g. HopSkipDrive, Lyft, Uber, Kango). The decision to do so rests exclusively with each parent/guardian, who are strongly encouraged to review the operating policies and safety records of these services prior to use by students. *(It is the policy of Uber and Lyft to not provide its service to anyone under 18 years of age riding unaccompanied by an adult.)*

The Derby District does not have a relationship or program with any ridesharing services and will not screen, monitor or otherwise review or assess the safety of any ridesharing service or any ridesharing driver or vehicle. If parents/guardians allow their child(ren) to be dropped off or picked up at school by a ridesharing service, it is with the express acknowledgement that the Derby Public School District and its employees have no responsibility for their decision to use such a service and have no responsibility of liability to such parents/guardians or their child(ren) related to the ridesharing service. The district will require parents/guardians to sign a waiver releasing the district from any liability that may result from the use of ridesharing services.

Any parents/guardians who decide to allow their child(ren) to be dropped off or picked up at any school or school-related activity by a ridesharing service, and any student that is dropped off or picked up at school or any school-related activity by a ridesharing service, must meet the following requirements:

- Drop-off at the start of the school day, or pick-up at the end of the school day by any ridesharing use in this context must have been discussed and agreed upon between the student and parent/guardian in advance.
- For early pick-up before the end of the regular school day there must be a written parental/guardian authorization on file with the school, which is valid for that specific day only.
- At the end of an off-campus activity, including, but not limited to, a field trip, sports game, when the group isn't required to return to the campus following the activity, a written parental/guardian authorization permitting their child to use ridesharing services must be on file with the school. Students are not permitted to use a ridesharing service to travel to an off-campus activity.

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District administrators will publicize this policy to parents/guardians. It shall be printed in the parent/student handbook of each school and posted on the District/school websites. All staff members supervising the dismissal and pick-up of students must be aware of this policy.

(cf. 3541 – Transportation)

(cf. 3541.44 – Privately Owned Vehicles)

(cf. 5142.2 – Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.
14-1(i) Motor vehicles: definitions.
14-212 (8) Definitions - “Student transportation vehicle.”
14-212 (2) Definitions - “Carrier.”

Policy Adopted:

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