

Extracurricular Transportation

The term "extracurricular" refers to activities or events which are supplements to the regular instructional program and do not involve class credit, including, but not limited to athletics; student groups, clubs, and/or organizations; community activities; and, when the following are done as out-of-class activities, speech, debate, music, and band.

The use of school buses and other District vehicles is strictly limited to school activities. Vehicles shall not be loaned or leased to non-school groups unless permission is specifically granted by the Board. On all activity runs, district vehicles will be operated by an appropriately trained and licensed driver, and only authorized activity participants, professional staff, and chaperones assigned by the administration may ride in the vehicle.

The determination as to whether to provide transportation for students, spectators, or participants to and from extracurricular activities shall be made solely by the District. This determination shall include, but is not limited to, the decision to provide transportation, the persons to be transported, the type or method to be utilized, all transportation scheduling and coordination, and any other transportation arrangements or decisions. Employees who are involved in extracurricular activities shall be advised by the administration as to the transportation arrangements made, if any. This policy will not create a barrier for McKinney-Vento students.

District employees wishing to undertake independent arrangement, scheduling, or coordination of transportation for extracurricular activities shall do so only when specifically directed or approved by the Superintendent or his or her designee. District employees will notify the Superintendent or designee of all transportation details and/or arrangements made after authorization. District employees shall not use a personal vehicle to transport students.

While the District does not prohibit students or District patrons from arranging a carpool to provide transportation to any District facility, activity, or event, it is impractical for the District to take steps to ensure the safety of any carpool vehicle or driver. For this reason, the District and its employees shall not arrange, encourage, or take responsibility for any such carpool. The District will bear no liability associated with any carpool arrangements.

A duplicate copy of the passenger list will be made for all activity trips. One copy will remain with the professional staff member in charge on the vehicle and one copy will be given to the Activities Director before the vehicle departs.

All vehicles used to transport students on activity trips shall be in safe mechanical and good working condition.

At its discretion, the District may charge fees for transportation of students to and from extracurricular activities where attendance is optional.

Student Travel to/from Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activity

Unless other travel arrangements are authorized, students will board the vehicle at the school designated as point of origin for the trip and will return to the point of origin in the vehicle. There will be no stops along the designated route to pick up or discharge students.

The only variation allowed in this regulation is the release of students to parents/guardians in a face-to-face situation at the close of the activity before vehicles begin the return trip. Such release will require a signed, dated note from the parent.

Responsibility for extracurricular transportation, when not provided by the District, will remain with the parent, who will be required to sign a waiver and release of claims prior to the extracurricular activity or event. Such waiver and release of claims shall remain on file at the school.

The activity organizer must provide at least one instructor, coach, or adult sponsor for each vehicle on a special trip who shall be familiar with or provided a copy of this policy. The driver will be responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle. The sponsor will be responsible for supervision of students and enforcement of transportation rules. Any adult designated by the principal as a sponsor will have such authority.

Legal References

IC § 33-1501	Description Transportation Authorized
IC § 33-1506	Inspection of School Authorized Vehicles
IC § 33-1509	School Bus Drivers – Definition – Qualification – Duties
IC § 33-512(12)	Governance of Schools – Governance of Schools – Board of Trustees Authorized to Supervise and Regulate Certain Extracurricular Activities
IC 33-1006	Transportation Support Program
IC 33-1504	Authorized Vehicles
IC 33-1515	Requirements for Authorized Vehicles for the Transportation of Pupils to and from School and School-Related Events
IDAPA 08.02.02.190	Program Operations

Other References

ISBA Policy Services <https://www.idsba.org/member-services/policy/>

Cross References

Code	Description
3380	Extracurricular and Co-curricular Participation Policy
8100	Transportation

Policy History:

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