
POLICY EEAEA – Student Transportation in Privately-Owned Vehicles

The Board believes students transported to school organized/authorized events shall be by the safest possible means.

Therefore, the Board directs that, wherever possible, student transportation for school and/or Division authorized events be by properly licensed school buses, or by public transport.

The Board discourages use of private vehicles for school-related functions. The risk of accidents is greater with the increase in usage of privately-driven vehicles.

Where circumstances warrant the use of privately-owned vehicles, authorization shall be in accordance with established Board policy and regulations.

PURPOSE:

to support the safe transportation of students.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. The use of privately-owned vehicles for school or jurisdiction level organized and/or authorized events shall be authorized by the school Principal or designate.
2. All privately-owned vehicles shall carry a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) public liability insurance and be properly registered with the Motor Vehicles Branch.
 - a) The owner of the vehicle must provide written proof that the required insurance and registration is in force.
 - b) The owner of the vehicle shall be informed that jurisdiction insurance will provide only liability coverage and only if the Division is found liable after the owner's liability insurance is exhausted.
3. The jurisdiction and school assume no responsibility in determining the road worthiness of the vehicle. The owner/driver assumes full responsibility.
4. The driver must have fewer than 7 demerit points and provide an abstract upon request of the principal/designate.
5. The regulations do not apply if:
 - a) a parent elects to transport or to make alternative transportation arrangements for his/her child; and
 - b) an independent student elects to make alternative transportation arrangements for himself/herself.

REFERENCES

Cross References:

[Exhibit 1 – Private Vehicle Owner Statement](#)

Legal Reference: *[Education Act](#)* Section 53

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