

EEAG - USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS

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Pursuant to Ed 1109.02(d), any contracted provider of transportation for children with disabilities, including parents transporting children other than their own, must comply with the inspection and licensing standards set forth in Saf-C 1307 and

RSA 266:7. Persons under contract or reimbursement agreement must obtain a school bus driver's certificate pursuant to RSA 263:29 if they are going to transport children other than their own in a private passenger vehicle to and from school or a school related activity. Ed 1109.02(e). Thus, please note that the provision pertaining to reimbursement for use of private vehicles may be limited by these regulations.

Any use of private vehicles for transportation of students to or from school on field trips, athletic events, or other school functions, must have prior authorization by the Superintendent or his or her designee. Those providing unauthorized student transportation do so at their own expense and liability.

Any employee or private citizen using their own or a rented vehicle to provide school-authorized student transportation must have auto liability insurance of not less than \$500,000 Combined Single Limit and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the District as an Additional Insured. The District will maintain liability insurance, which will be in excess of the owner's primary insurance for authorized student transportation.

A person under contract or reimbursement agreement to transport one or more children to school, on field trips, to athletic events, or other school functions must have a valid School Bus Driver Certificate from the Department of Safety, and must comply with all applicable inspection requirements. This person's vehicle must be approved by the N.H. Department of Safety as meeting all applicable school bus safety standards. (Parents transporting their own children are exempt from this requirement, even if they are under contract or reimbursement agreement with the School District.)

Those providing transportation on an incidental basis, i.e., not under contract or reimbursement agreement with the District, must have a valid driver's license, and a vehicle which has a current inspection sticker. A commercial license is required for any vehicle that has a capacity of 16 or more.

Employees are prohibited from transporting students for school purposes without prior written authorization from the Superintendent or his/her designee. All employees who regularly transport students must have a School Bus Driver's Certificate. If the employee is under contract or reimbursement agreement, he or she may also be required to comply with the inspection and licensing standards set forth in Saf-C 1307 and RSA 266:7.

No student shall be sent on school errands using any automobile.

Reimbursement for use of private vehicles may be made, but only if the employee or other person has prior approval of the designated administrator.

No student will transport another student for school authorized transportation.

RSA 259:96, School Bu; RSA 259:96-a, Mixed Use School Bus; RSA 263:29, School Bus Driver's Certificate; RSA 263:7, Inspection of School Buses; Saf-C 1300, School Bus Transportation; Ed 1109.02, Transportation
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