

NON-SCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

The following uses of District transportation are a privilege, not a right, and, except where bound by the terms of a lease, the District may revoke that privilege through official Board action at a regularly scheduled and legally advertised meeting.

School Activities

Transportation may be provided by the District for all activities which have been officially designated by the Board as school activities. Activities may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Educational field trips growing out of regular classroom activity which are planned by the teacher, approved by the principal and supervised by school staff, provided that any overnight trip receives prior approval of the Board; and
- B. Athletics, debate, drama, music or other Board approved co-curricular programs.

Participants in any other activity who feel such activity should be considered an official school activity may petition the Board, through the Superintendent, to have it considered as a school activity.

Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent may authorize the use of District transportation vehicles transporting nonparticipating students to extracurricular activities. Such vehicles may be so used when the users pay an amount sufficient to reimburse the District for the complete cost of such use. District drivers shall be used on all such trips. Participants shall be supervised by staff.

Leasing of Buses

The Board may enter into a written lease agreement with any of the following:

- A. A nonprofit organization transporting a specially designated group of persons to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organizations, provided that commercial bus service is not reasonably available. Examples include handicapped persons to Special Olympics, elderly persons attending a Sr. Center sponsored event, Girl Scouts attending a sponsored jamboree, etc.
- B. A governmental agency transporting personnel, supplies and/or evacuees in the event of a pending catastrophe or natural disaster, or in the aftermath of such situation.
- C. A user conducting an educational recreation program supported wholly or in part by tax funds.
- D. Other District tax payers including parents, homeowners or businesses.

Such a lease agreement shall contain a clause absolving the District of any and all liability arising from the lessee's use and operation of the District's buses. A Proof of Insurance Certificate will be required with the Fall Mountain Regional School District named as additional insured. The lessee must maintain adequate insurance to recompense the District for the potential loss of the buses leased. The users shall reimburse the District for the actual operating costs plus a reasonable fee for the use of the bus (please see the fee schedule on the Bus Lease Application). Funds derived from the lease of a bus shall be deposited in the transportation departments' maintenance fund.

Cooperative Programs

The Board may from time to time enter into cooperative transportation agreements with other Districts when it is economically advantageous to the cooperating Districts and when it does not impair the quality of educational programs available to students. Any group seeking to lease a school bus should complete and submit a Bus Lease Application with all supporting documentation to the School Board Clerk. All lease agreements need to be approved by the School Board and are subject to availability. The School Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, information must be received no later than the Wednesday before in order to be considered on the agenda.

The Board may allow an exception to any and all aforementioned information when it is in the best interest of the District.

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