

CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

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- I. The District will normally use school buses, as defined in Florida Statutes, for all regular transportation of students, prekindergarten through grade 12.
- II. The transportation of students in privately-owned motor vehicles for educational field trips or school-sponsored or school-related events shall be approved by the School Board pursuant to Florida Statutes.
- III. The vehicle must be a passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck, as defined by federal law, designed to transport fewer than ten (10) students.
- IV. Drivers of such vehicles shall be required
 - A. to show proof of insurance coverage at the minimum limits required by Florida Statutes and at other limits that may be required by the School Board;
 - B. to adhere to Florida laws and regulations related to driving including the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law;
 - C. to provide proof of a valid driver's license; and
 - D. to comply with the requirements of the District's safe driver plan.
- V. Vehicles shall not transport numbers beyond their rated capacity. Students must be transported in designated seating positions.
- VI. Appropriate safety measures such as use of seat belts shall be observed.
- VII. The parent, as defined by Florida Statutes, of each student shall be notified in writing about the transportation arrangement and shall give written consent before a student is transported in a private vehicle except in an emergency situation.
- VIII. Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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- IX. Employees will be covered by the Board's liability program when they are transporting students as part of their assigned or related duties. Benefits due from private vehicle insurance will be primary, except for worker's compensation, in accordance with state law.

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