

SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Code No. 904.1

Policy Title: TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Generally, transporting students for school purposes shall be done in a vehicle owned by the school district and driven by a school bus driver. Students may be transported in private vehicles for school purposes. It is within the discretion of the superintendent, or administrative designee, to determine when this is appropriate.

Individuals transporting students for school purposes in private vehicles must have the permission of the superintendent, or administrative designee, and they must state the following:

- The vehicle is in good condition and meets all applicable safety requirements;
- The driver possesses a valid drivers' license
- Proof of insurance has been supplied to the superintendent and the insurance satisfies the minimum coverage requirements for driving personal vehicles in the State of Iowa; and
- The parents of the students to be transported have given written permission to the superintendent, or administrative designee, or coach.

The school district assumes no responsibility for those students who have not received the approval of the superintendent, or administrative designee, and who ride in private vehicles for school purposes. If transportation is not provided by the school district, or if transportation provided by the school district is declined by the student or parent/guardian, then the responsibility and corresponding liability for transportation for school purposes shall rest solely with the student and parent/guardian.

This policy statement applies to transportation of students for school purposes in addition to transporting students to and from their designated attendance center. The superintendent may develop administrative processes to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 285; 321 (1995).
281 I.A.C. 43.

Cross Reference: 401.6 Transporting of Students by Employees
401.7 Employee Travel Compensation
401.11 Employee Use of Cell Phones
711 Transportation

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