

TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS

The district may provide transportation for students, instructors and other individuals for field trips and excursions approved according to Board of Trustees policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the most appropriate and cost-effective mode of transportation for each approved trip.

(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

When district transportation is provided, students may be released from using district transportation only with the advance written permission of their parent/guardian.

School-related organizations requesting transportation shall be fully responsible for the costs of their trips unless funding has been approved by the Board.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district has sufficient liability insurance when field trips or excursions involve either transportation by district vehicles or travel to and from a foreign country. When a trip to a foreign country is authorized, liability insurance shall be secured from a carrier licensed to transact insurance business in that country. (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Transportation by Private Vehicle

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the transportation of students by private vehicle when necessary (i.e. student medical condition) and must approve the use of private vehicle prior to the event. The vehicle must be driven by a parent/guardian 21 or older who has a good driving record and who has registered with the district for such purposes. Drivers shall be required to possess a valid California driver's license and at least the minimum insurance required by law.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

Drivers shall receive safety and emergency instructions which shall be kept in their vehicle.

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All student passengers shall provide permission slips signed by their parents/guardians. Teachers shall ensure that all drivers have a copy of each student's permission slip.

Owners, drivers and passengers shall be informed that the registered owner and his/her insurance company are responsible for any accidents or violations which may occur.

The number of passengers, including the driver, shall not exceed the capacity for which the vehicle was designed. Motor trucks may not transport more persons than can safely sit in the passenger compartment.

All drivers and passengers shall wear seat belts in accordance with law. (Vehicle Code 27315)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35330 *Excursions and field trips*

35332 *Transportation by air*

39830 *School bus*

39830.1 *School pupil activity bus*

39860 *Transportation to special activities by district*

44808 *Liability when students not on school property*

VEHICLE CODE

27315 *Mandatory use of seat belts in private passenger vehicles*

COURT DECISIONS

Castro v. Los Angeles (1976) 54 Cal.App.3d 232