

## CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

### TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

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- (1) The District will normally use school buses, as defined in Florida Statutes, for all regular transportation of students, prekindergarten through grade 12.
- (2) 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 Superintendent or designee on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Florida Statutes, except in an emergency situation.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Only vehicles meeting the standards for student transportation may be leased.
- (5) 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;

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- (d) to comply with the requirements of the District's safe driver plan.
- (6) Vehicles shall not transport numbers beyond their rated capacity. Students must be transported in designated seating positions.
- (7) Appropriate safety measures such as use of seat belts shall be observed.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.

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