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9.11 - Transporting Students in Private Vehicles for Educational Field Trips or School-Sponsored or School-Related Events

POLICY:

(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)   Drivers of such vehicles shall be required:

   (a)   to show proof of insurance coverage at the minimum limits required by Florida Statutes;

   (b)   to adhere to Florida laws and regulations related to driving including Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law;

   (c)   to provide proof of a vialid driver's license; and

   (d)   must comply with the requirements of the school district's locally adopted safe driver plan, which includes review of driving records for disqualifying violations.

(5)   Vehicles shall not transport numbers beyond their rated capacity. Students must be transported in designated seating positions.

(6)   Appropriate safety measures such as use of seat belts shall be observed.

(7)   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.

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