

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation Equipment

Privately Owned Vehicles

The Board of Education recognizes that, in special incidental, unplanned and/or emergency circumstances, district employees may need to use private vehicles for school purposes. In particular, the Superintendent of Schools or designee may authorize the transportation of students in private vehicles for the following reasons:

1. to transport a student or students to a hospital or other medical facility, in the event of a medical emergency; and/or

Prior authorization may not be necessary in the event of an emergency. The district assumes no liability unless the employee has prior authorization for such transportation.

Caution will be exercised in authorizing transportation of students in private vehicles, since the district potentially assumes liability for any accident claim which exceeds the driver's automotive liability coverage. Any teacher or parent using a private vehicle to transport a student(s) must provide evidence of liability insurance, with the district named as an additional insured, in an amount deemed adequate by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Business Administrator.

The incidental, unplanned and/or emergency operation of a motor vehicle by a school employee to transport students does not require the operator to hold an operator's license endorsement.

(cf. 3541.22 – Drivers)

(cf. 4133.1/4233.1 – Use of Board of Education Vehicles or Privately Owned Vehicles)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 14-1(i) Motor vehicles: definitions.
 14-212 (8) Definitions - "Student transportation vehicle." (as amended by PA 10-110)
 14-212 (2) Definitions - "Carrier." (as amended by PA 10-110)
 PA 07-224 An Act Concerning Operator's Licenses Bearing a School Bus Endorsement.
 Declaratory Ruling, Nov. 16, 2007 - Robert M. Ward, Commissioner, DMV

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