

School-Related Trips

Trips by School Vehicles

District transportation may be provided for field trips and for special activities approved by the Superintendent or designee. Such trips may be taken in buses or other school transportation vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the district. All vehicles shall meet federal and state standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures to regulate the use of the vehicles for approved school-related activities. Student councils, parent-teacher associations, and any other organizations requesting transportation shall be fully responsible for the costs of the trip. To the extent that funding has been approved by the Governing Board, such costs may be charged to the district.

Transportation by Private Automobile

The use of private automobiles used to transport students on school-related trips is discouraged.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the transportation of students by private automobile for approved field trips and activities when the vehicle is driven by an adult registered with the district for such purposes. All drivers shall be required to certify the safe operating condition of their vehicle and shall be issued instructions related to transporting students. All student passengers must provide permission slips signed by their parents/guardians.

Drivers shall be required to possess a valid California driver's license and liability insurance of at least \$100,000 per occurrence.

Owners, drivers and passengers shall be informed that the registered owner and his/her insurance company are responsible for any accidents which may occur. District personnel who frequently transport students in their private vehicles are urged to carry liability insurance of \$300,000 or more per occurrence.

A seat must be provided for each passenger.

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

Car seat requirements must be met as per Vehicle Code 27360.

Trucks and pickups may not transport more persons than can safely sit in the passenger compartment.

The number of passengers, including the driver, shall not exceed the capacity for which the vehicle was designed and should not in any case exceed 10. (Education Code 39830) (Vehicle Code 545)

(cf. 6153 - Field Trips)

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

27360-27360.5 Child passenger restraint systems

27363 Child passenger restraint systems, exemptions

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

Office of Traffic Safety: <http://www.ots.ca.gov>

Department of Motor Vehicles: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov>

National Transportation Safety Board: <http://www.nts.gov>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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