

Use of School Buses by Community Groups

The general philosophy of the Board of Education is that school vehicles purchased by the school district are to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers shall not be expected to subsidize the expense of providing school vehicles or personnel not necessary for school district purposes. Nevertheless, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make available for use by appropriate community groups school vehicles to the extent that such use does not impinge upon or impair use for school district purposes.

Among community groups that qualify for the use of school vehicles are those composed of citizens 65 years of age and older. Such groups shall be given special consideration as required by the statute relating to community use of school vehicles. As permitted by law, all groups shall be expected to pay the actual costs involved in the use of school vehicles.

Buses may be used to aid in an emergency declared by the local Coordinator of Emergency Services and by the United States Forest Service for firefighting purposes. Such use shall not impede normal school operations.

Nonschool use of school transportation equipment shall not be intermingled with student transportation, nor shall it interfere with:

1. Student transportation to, from or between schools.
2. Student transportation for school activities and functions.
3. Emergency transportation for students.
4. Time required for maintenance and service of equipment.
5. Provision of standby equipment for school purposes.

Regulations for community use of school transportation equipment shall be developed by the administration and approved by the Board.

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