

USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

It is the purpose of this regulation to stabilize the use of school buses by non-school, district organizations and assure control over the use of buses. Board of Directors, therefore, shall support the philosophy of this regulation; however, in so doing, retains its right to vary this regulation whenever extenuating conditions exist.

The definition of a school bus, as it is referred to in this policy statement, includes all motor vehicles, as described in the law, with a carrying capacity of 10 or more passengers, owned or contracted by the District, and operated for the transportation of children and sponsoring persons to and from school or to and from school activities which are a part of the total school program.

Buses shall be used only when available and such use will not render a hardship to the District transportation program.

Buses shall be permitted to operate only within the State of Maine, with the exception of regular school sponsored activities or trips sponsored in support of municipally-sponsored youth activities.

Buses shall be permitted to be used by municipally-sponsored organizations which are recreational or educational in nature.

Buses shall be used only by nonprofit, non-commercial groups or organizations.

Buses shall be permitted to be used only by out-of-school organizations with open membership, in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Organizations permitted use of buses shall provide assurance that only drivers employed by S.A.D. #59 shall be used.

Organizations permitted use of buses shall assume the responsibility to pay all normal expenses to include driver's pay, fuel, tolls and per mile repair costs based on prior years average, unless other arrangements are placed in effect.

Organizations permitted use of buses shall comply with all operating procedures presented by the District and in accordance with State and Municipal Law, and shall adhere to all safety rules and regulations.

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