

## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES/COMMON CARRIERS**

Section 304.060, RSMo., authorizes vehicles other than approved school buses to be used for transportation of students. Such vehicles shall transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests as appropriate for such vehicle. Section 304.060, RSMo., further authorizes the use of authorized common carriers for field trips and other special trips for educational purposes. This rule establishes standards for transportation in other than approved school buses and standards for use of authorized common carriers.

### **Requirements for Transportation of Students in Vehicles Other Than School Buses**

- A. Vehicles designed for enclosed passenger transportation may be used subject to approval by the local Board of Education.
- B. Vehicles shall be licensed according to law and shall display a current state safety inspection sticker.
- C. The driver of a private automobile shall have a valid Missouri operator's license. The driver of other vehicles transporting to and from school shall be licensed in accordance with Section 302.272, RSMo. Private automobiles are defined as any motor vehicle not regularly used by the general public engaged in the transportation of persons or property for hire.
- D. Vehicles shall have liability insurance coverage as required by the local Board of Education.
- E. If transportation service in vehicles other than school buses is contracted, there shall be a written contract between the district and the individual or firm providing the service.
- F. The school district shall ensure that the drivers are at least 21 years of age and comply with applicable state regulations.

### **Requirements for Transportation of Students in Authorized Common Carriers**

- A. Authorized common carriers shall only be used to transport students to and from field trips or other special trips for educational purposes and shall not be used to transport students to and from school. Authorized common carriers, as used in this policy, are over-the-road intercity-type coaches equipped with reclining seats, air conditioning and restroom facilities and holding authority from the Missouri Division of Transportation or the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- B. There shall be a written contract between the district and individual or firm providing the vehicle.

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C. All contracts with authorized common carriers shall include:

1. Proof of liability insurance in the amount of five (5) million dollars per accident.
2. Proof of safety inspections and compliance with applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

D. The driver of an authorized common carrier shall hold a valid Missouri commercial driver's license or a similar license valid in any other state and shall comply with all applicable driver qualifications of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

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