

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL

Since the school belongs to the people of the town, and since the transportation of students to and from home and for school related activities are purchased, maintained, and operated by funds largely provided by local taxes, the New Shoreham School Committee accepts the responsibility for making its mini-bus available to responsible organizations and associations of the community for appropriate civic, cultural, welfare, or recreational activities that do not infringe upon, nor interfere with, the conduct and best interest of the school system.

The only fees charged will be to cover the school bus driver's hourly rate and for fuel.

Use of school facilities may be granted to the following organizations or groups, provided that membership and participation is available to any local citizen.

1. Block Island School affiliated groups: Block Island School Friends, employee associations, scholarship associations, school committee, and booster clubs, for example.
2. Youth Service Groups: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Leo Lions, The Nature Conservancy, for example.
3. Officially appointed groups of the Town and Town sponsored recreational programs, and local citizen groups such as Senior Advisory Committee and the Recreation Department, for example.

Use of the school's mini-bus is subject to the following conditions:

1. The school's mini-bus can only be requested for use when it is not being used to transport students from school to home, home to school, for on island field trips, and school related events.
2. Only the bus driver(s) appointed by the School Committee may drive the school's mini-bus.
3. The person(s) responsible as designated in the application will be responsible for mini-bus usage to the degree deemed necessary by the school authorities.
4. All bus activities must be confined specifically to the route and time as described in the application.
5. The mini-bus is not allowed to be used off Block Island. Exceptions may be made only with the authorization of the Superintendent or the Principal.
6. The applicant acknowledges the mini-bus may be recalled to the school in a weather emergency, early closure, or a delayed opening of the building in order to transport students to home, from home, or to a safe location.

7. Any problems or deficiencies will be reported to the School Superintendent or to the school office within 24 hours.
8. Any accident must be reported within 24 hours to the School's administration. An accident report must be filed within 24 hours with the local police. This report must be completed and a copy filed with the school.
9. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on the mini-bus or to be used on the school's mini-bus.
10. No food or drink is allowed to be on the mini-bus. Tree nut products are not allowed on the mini-bus at any time.
11. Block Island policy and state law prohibits the use of any substance or item that contains tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco. It also prohibits having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other substance containing tobacco. Smoking, including vapor and e-cigarettes are not allowed on the mini-bus.
12. The mini-bus shall not be defaced in any manner. Damage to the mini-bus must be reported and paid for by the responsible party.
13. The school mini-bus must be left in the same or better condition as it was found. The School Committee reserves the right to engage cleaning and repair services at the expense of the applicant if conditions warrant.
14. Fees are to be paid within five days after use. Please make check payable to the Block Island School. (Note: fee schedule may change.)
15. The applicant understands that should any of the rules and regulations be broken, the organization may lose the privilege to use the mini-bus in the future. The administration reserves the right to approve or disapprove all applications for use of the mini-bus.

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New Shoreham School District, Block Island School