

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL

Transportation for all field trips shall be approved and/or determined by the principal. All off island field trips must have a minimum of two adults supervising the trip. Whenever possible, sports events must have a minimum of two adults supervising the trip. In the case of athletic trips, one or both adults may be the coach and assistant coach. If the coach and/or assistant coach is not accompanying the off island event, a parent or a community member who has had a background check performed by the police department and has no disqualifying information according to Rhode Island General Laws may serve as one of the adults. It is not the intent of this policy to cause a forfeiture of an athletic event. Therefore, if two adults are not able to supervise an athletic trip, the Superintendent, or designee, may grant a waiver of this policy for a specified event.

If either privately owned vehicles or rental vehicles are to be used, the following provisions must be met:

1. All drivers will be approved by the principal who will verify driving records via the New Shoreham Police.
2. Each vehicle will be equipped with a seat belt for each occupant, such belts to be used by all riders at all times when vehicle is in motion.
3. Vehicles (drivers), if privately owned, will carry a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance for each occurrence.
4. School department insurance does not provide primary coverage for auto liability accidents that occur when school employees, officials, or other volunteers approved by the principal drive students to events on or off island in vehicles not owned by the district. The department's insurance carrier will only respond to an auto liability accident involving such a vehicle while in the conduct of school business if that vehicle's own primary level of insurance is insufficient. School department insurance coverage is "excess" or "secondary" to the private vehicle's "primary" auto liability insurance policy.
5. All school district personnel will insure that all field trip sites and transportation arrangements are reviewed in advance for accessibility and that wheelchair lift equipped vehicles are secured when needed.
6. Parents and students will be informed that the school will make appropriate modifications to provide students with disabilities an effective opportunity to benefit from the field trip activity.