Transportation Guidelines

The below is a guideline for discerning your transportation requirements and whether or not the Thomasville City School District will participate in travel costs.

1) All local travel (Thomas County) cost will be paid by the district. Local field trips are encouraged as a way to keep district travel costs at a minimum. Subject to availability.

2) Non-local (outside of Thomas County) for elementary schools will be evaluated for district payment on a case-by-case basis.

3) Travel for competitions or competition practice will (subject to availability) be paid by the district within reason. Travel is limited to two practices per school year. District payment only includes district buses and drivers. Overnight accommodations and meals must be provided to the bus driver(s) at no cost to the district. Overnight accommodations and meals for staff/students will not be paid by the district. Approved charter travel can be used as an alternative at no cost to the district.

4) Non-local travel for non-competition reasons will be the sole responsibility of the requesting organization. The district can (subject to availability) provide transportation for these functions at the following rates:

   $1.25/mile for use of district bus = $___________
   $15/hour/bus driver
   From time bus driver(s) picks up bus at bus yard until time bus is returned = $___________

Organization must provide overnight accommodations and meals for bus driver(s) at organization expense. Overnight accommodations and meals for staff/students will not be paid by the district. Approved charter travel can be used as an alternative at no cost to the district.

5) Athletic travel to out-of-region (the southwest region of Georgia as defined by RESA) pre-season competitions will be the sole responsibility of the athletic department. The district can (subject to availability) provide transportation for these functions subject to the same rates and conditions listed in number 4 above. Approved charter travel can be used as an alternative at no cost to the district.

Note: 49 C.F.R. 395.5, Maximum driving time for passenger-carrying vehicles (As of: Aug 30, 2012)

a) No motor carrier shall permit or require any driver used by it to drive a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle, nor shall any such driver drive a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle:

1) More than 10 hours following 8 consecutive hours off duty; or
2) For any period after having been on duty 15 hours following 8 consecutive hours off duty.

b) No motor carrier shall permit or require a driver of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle to drive, nor shall any driver drive a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle, regardless of the number of motor carriers using the driver’s services, for any period after—

1) Having been on duty 60 hours in any 7 consecutive days if the employing motor carrier does not operate commercial motor vehicles every day of the week; or
2) Having been on duty 70 hours in any period of 8 consecutive days if the employing motor carrier operates commercial motor vehicles every day of the week.