

USE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND NONSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular Activities

Amber-Pocasset School District's transportation may be used for field trips, extra-curricular activities or school-sponsored activities. The superintendent or his/her designee may authorize the use of private vehicles when a small number of students is involved.

Non-school Activities

The board may choose to furnish district transportation for students to attend non-school activities such as community, state or county fairs, summer youth programs, field trips, and other purposes approved by the State Board of Education. Adults may ride school buses when they are designated as chaperones for the students on the bus at that time.

Transportation Requests

When participating in a school activity that requires school transportation, the sponsor should submit a transportation request. In the event that a conflict develops and cannot be resolved, the administration will determine the priority. Date of request is not a determining factor in such decisions.

Board Approval

Approval of the board of education is required for each trip. Adults may ride school buses when they are designated as chaperones for the students on the bus at that time.

Use of School Bus

Requests to use school buses to transport student groups are to be directed, in writing, to the superintendent. The board of education is required by law of the State of Oklahoma to limit the use of school buses to purposes approved by the State Department of Education. See Regulation CNA-R1 340.R.4 for fee schedule for use of school buses.

State law also permits the leasing of buses for non-school purposes on a limited basis if the student transportation is not impacted negatively and if the use of buses by lessees will not decrease the normal life of the bus. Such use must be made, in writing, to the superintendent and approved by the board of education.

It is the policy of the Amber-Pocasset Board of Education to allow the use of school buses or other district-owned vehicles for the transportation of students participating in school-sponsored activities under the following conditions:

Bus or district-owned vehicle use for educational field trips and by student organizations is accepted as an extension of classroom activities.

When district-owned transportation is used, the student organization using the vehicles may be required to reimburse the district for all or part of the cost of the transportation.

Students participating in such activities must return in the same vehicle in which they departed unless permission is granted from the activity sponsors to return with parents.

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Lights will be activated at all times that the bus is in operation.

**REFERENCE: 47 O.S. §12-228
70 O.S. §9-108 (SECTION 214, SCHOOL LAWS OF OKLAHOMA)
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