

Use of School Vehicles by Community Groups

The general philosophy of the Board of Education is that school vehicles purchased by the school district are to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers shall not be expected to subsidize the expense of providing school vehicles or personnel not necessary for school district purposes. Nevertheless, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make available for use by appropriate community groups school vehicles to the extent that such use does not impinge upon or impair use for school district purposes.

Among community groups that qualify for the use of school vehicles are those composed of citizens 65 years of age and older. Such groups shall be given special consideration as required by the statute relating to community use of school vehicles. As permitted by law, all groups shall be expected to pay the actual costs involved in the use of school vehicles.

Nonschool use of school vehicles shall not be intermingled with student transportation, nor shall it interfere with:

1. Student transportation to, from or between schools.
2. Student transportation for school activities and functions.
3. Emergency transportation for students.
4. Time required for maintenance and service of vehicles.
5. Provision of standby vehicles for school purposes.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be responsible for approving and scheduling the use of School District transportation equipment by community groups. In approving and scheduling such use, the Superintendent of Schools shall apply the following criteria:

No use shall be approved which involves travel over roads or distances which are unduly wearing or damaging to the equipment.

No use shall be approved if the fuel consumption involved adversely affects the fuel availability for School District purposes.

Any approval of use shall be subject to cancellation in the event of adverse road, weather, or other conditions which could reasonably present a danger to passengers, drivers or equipment, or in the event of unexpected or emergency school needs.

Use shall not be approved unless some individual identifies himself/herself as coordinator or leader of the group and agrees to assume the responsibility for collection and remittance to the School District of the required reimbursement.

Use shall be approved by the Transportation Director assigning a Bus Driver employed by the Sangre de Cristo School District.

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