

MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Transportation for Activities; Bus Leasing

School Activities. Transportation may be provided by the District for all school activities. Activities may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Educational field trips growing out of regular classroom activities, which are planned by the teacher, approved by the principal, and supervised by school staff, provided that any overnight or out-of-state trip requires prior approval of the Board; and
- B. Athletics, debate, drama, or music programs or other Board-approved co-curricular programs.

Extracurricular Activities. The superintendent may authorize the use of District transportation vehicles transporting nonparticipating students to extracurricular activities. Such vehicles may be used when commercial service is not reasonably available and when the users pay an amount sufficient to reimburse the District for the complete cost of such use. District drivers shall be used on all such trips. Participants shall be supervised by staff.

Leasing of Buses. The Board may enter into a written lease agreement with any of the following:

- A. A nonprofit organization transporting handicapped children and/or persons at least 60 years of age to and from the site of activities or programs deemed beneficial to such persons by such organizations, provided that commercial bus service is not reasonably available for such purpose;
- B. A user conducting an educational recreation program supported wholly or in part by tax funds;
- C. A governmental agency transporting personnel, supplies, and/or evacuees in the event of a major forest fire, flood, or other natural disaster, or as authorized by RCW 35.58, RCW 39.34, or other applicable law.

Such a lease agreement shall contain a clause absolving the District of any and all liability arising from the lessee's use and operation of the District's buses and a clause requiring the lessee to maintain adequate insurance to recompense the District for the potential loss of buses leased. The District may establish requirements for qualifications, licensing, and certification for those persons who will drive the buses under the lease agreement. Potential users under provisions A and B shall stipulate in writing that commercial or charter bus service is not reasonably available to provide the services for which a school bus is needed. The user shall reimburse the District for the actual costs, including a reasonable charge for depreciation and maintenance, for use of the bus. Funds derived from

the lease of a surplus bus shall be deposited in the transportation vehicle fund. If a bus is a part of the regular fleet, the funds derived from a rental or lease agreement may be deposited in the general fund.

Cooperative Programs. The Board may enter into cooperative transportation agreements with other districts when it is economically advantageous to the cooperating districts and when it does not impair the quality of educational programs available to students.

Cross References:

(cf. 2320 Field Trips)
(cf. 6112 Rental or Lease of District Property)
(cf. 6605 Student Safety and Conduct on School Buses)

Legal References:

RCW 28A.160.010 Operation of student transportation program--Transporting of elderly--Insurance
RCW 28A.160.040 Lease of buses to transport children with disabilities and elderly--Limitation
RCW 28A.160.070 Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly--Elderly persons defined--Program limitation
RCW 28A.160.080 School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes--Authorization
RCW 28A.160.100 School buses, transportation of general public to interscholastic activities--Limitations
RCW 28A.160.120 Agreements with other governmental entities for transportation of public or other non-common school purposes--Limitations
RCW 28A.335.060 Surplus school property, rental, lease or use of--Disposition of moneys received from
RCW 35.58 Metropolitan municipal corporations
RCW 39.34 Interlocal cooperation act

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