

TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS

The district may provide transportation for students, employees, and other individuals for field trips and other school-related trips approved according to Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the most appropriate and cost-effective mode of transportation for each approved trip. He/she may authorize the use of district vehicles, contract to provide transportation, or arrange transportation by the use of other vehicles.

Transportation arrangements will be made through the Transportation Department for each field trip or school-related trip. Those needing transportation for a field trip or school related trip shall contact the Transportation Department in advance to ensure bus availability.

When district transportation is provided, students may be released from using district transportation only with the permission of their parents/guardians. When a parent/guardian chooses to transport their own child, the parent/guardian shall sign an agreement releasing the district of liability for the child during the time in which the transportation is being provided.

School-related organizations requesting transportation shall be fully responsible for the costs of their trips unless funding has been approved by the Governing Board.

Transportation by Private Vehicle

Other than parents/guardians transporting their own child(ren), private vehicles shall not be used to provide transportation for school-related trips.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35330 Excursions and field trips

35332 Transportation by air

39830 School bus

39830.1 School pupil activity bus

39860 Transportation to special activities by district

44808 Liability when students not on school property

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

118947-118949 Prohibition against smoking in motor vehicle with minor

PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

5384.2 District not liable for charter-party carrier

VEHICLE CODE

545 Definition of School bus

12814.6 Limitations of provisional driver's license

27315 Mandatory use of seat belts in private passenger vehicles

27360-27360.5 Child passenger restraint systems

27363 Child passenger restraint systems, exemptions Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Motor Vehicles: <http://www.dmc.ca.gov>

California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

California Office of Traffic Safety: <http://www.ots.ca.gov>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>