

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION - AUTHORIZED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS

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Description:

1. School District employees are authorized to ride school buses under the following situations:
 - a) While performing their duties,
 - b) An emergency situation,
 - a) For the purpose of this regulation, an emergency situation is defined as a situation where an employee cannot reach his or her place of employment for one of the following reasons:
 - o Mechanical breakdown of their usual transportation.
 - o Extreme weather and/or road conditions.
2. Volunteers approved by school authority or designate that are providing services to students may be permitted rider status on a space-available basis.
3. Providers of contract services to the District (with the permission of the Transportation Manager).

Note: The above reasons are not intended to provide sustained or repeated riding privileges.

4. The following non-public school students are permitted to ride school buses provided deviation from the normal route is not required:
 - a) Private school K-12 students.
 - b) Northern Lights College students.
 - c) Adults with Special Needs
 - a) Transportation may be provided to adults with special needs to attend approved educational facilities subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) That the destination facility be approved by the District as being an educational or training centre.
 - (b) That transportation only be provided on a space available basis, and that no additional costs be incurred.
 - (c) That permission is granted based on a District assessment of each individual's suitability to travel in a school bus environment.
 - (d) That appropriate measures be taken to properly introduce each individual and the circumstances to the driver, the children, and the parents on the route involved.
 - (e) That the District may limit the number of adults with special needs that may be allowed on one bus.

5. At the discretion of the Transportation Manager, children of a student may be provided bus service with the following conditions:
 - a) Parent will be responsible for safety of the child,
 - b) Parent may not bring onto the bus large items such as buggies, strollers, etc.,
 - c) If required, the child must be secured in a CSA approved child seat (provided by the parent) that is tethered to the bus seat system with an approved seat belt/harness system.

6. At the discretion of the Transportation Manager, a SD #59 Bus Operator may be permitted to transport one child on the operator's bus route with the following conditions:
 - a) The Bus Operator must be the legal guardian of the child,
 - b) If required, the child must be secured in a CSA approved child seat that is tethered to the bus seat system with an approved seat belt/harness system.

NOTE: The above is dependent on the following:

- *there is space available on the bus(es) required to carry the student/adult;*
- *no additional bus stops will be permitted for pick up or drop off;*
- *adult students submit a clear criminal record check for working with children and vulnerable adults prior to permission being granted;*
- *compliance with the code of conduct regarding behavior on the school bus;*
- *they maintain a good standing in their account if a fee for service structure is in effect.*