

EEAG - USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS

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It is the primary responsibility of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District's bus provider to transport students to or from school, field trips, athletic events, or other school functions. On those occasions when the bus provider is unable to transport students to or from field trips, athletic events, or other school functions, individuals providing student transportation must have prior authorization by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Board specifically forbids any employee to transport students, except the teacher's own children, for school purposes without prior written authorization by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Individuals providing unauthorized student transportation do so at their own expense and liability.

Any employee or private citizen using their own or a rented vehicle to provide school-authorized student transportation must have automobile liability insurance of not less than \$500,000 Combined Single Limit or split limits of \$100,000 bodily injury liability per person/\$300,000 total bodily injury liability insurance per accident/\$100,000 property damage. The District will maintain liability insurance, which will be in excess of the owner's primary insurance for authorized student transportation.

Persons under contract with the school district to provide school transportation services must have a valid School Bus Driver Certificate/License in accordance with applicable rules and laws. All vehicles must be approved by the New Hampshire Department of Safety as meeting all applicable school bus safety standards. Parents transporting their own children are exempt from this paragraph, per Department of Safety regulations.

Those providing transportation on an incidental basis, i.e., not specifically as part of a contract to transport, must meet procedures established in EEAG-R.

Parents are permitted to drive other students once Permission and Waiver of Liability forms have been submitted by the student's parents/guardians.

No student shall be sent on school errands using any automobile. No student will transport another student for school authorized transportation.

Reimbursement for use of private vehicles may be made, but only if the employee or other person has prior approval of the designated administrator.

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Legal References:

NH Statutes

RSA 376:2, VII

Motor Carriage of Passengers

See Also: EEAG-R

NH Dept. of Ed Regulation

NH Code of Admin. Rules Section Saf-C 1304.05, Exemption From School Bus Driver's Certification

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.