

SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education permits some special uses of school buses, such as providing transportation to students during lunch hour or to extracurricular events. To this end, the Board directs the School Business Official to review all requests prior to granting permission for any special use of school buses. The School Business Official is also authorized to approve use of school buses for special group purposes, upon request of the party or group seeking to use a bus for these purposes.

Permission for all such use may be granted based after review of such factors as the nature and legality of the use, the anticipated time a particular bus will be needed and the ability of the district to meet its normal transportation commitments.

Special Transportation Services

According to the Education Law, the Board has the authority to permit the following passengers to ride on school buses with district pupils during school hours:

1. residents enrolled in educational, vocational or other training programs;
2. children under the age of five traveling between home and day care facilities;
3. employees of school districts or other educational or training institutions; and
4. any not-for-profit organization providing transportation services in rural counties as defined by law for children participating in an agricultural child care program authorized by the Agriculture and Markets Law (only available in certain rural counties).

However, the following requirements shall be met before such passengers are permitted to ride:

1. an application must be filed by prospective passengers and approved by the Board;
2. seats must be available for all pupils while bus is in operation; and
3. the cost for passengers shall not exceed the cost for transporting regular district pupils to their destination.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any application filed, in addition to determining the maximum number of passengers other than pupils that may ride any school bus.

Cross-ref: 8414, School Bus Safety

Ref: Education Law §1501-b; 1502; 3635; 4105(3)
Transportation Law Article 2-F; §73(c)

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