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PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

In recommending arrangements for pupil transportation to and from school-related activities, the superintendent shall consider the type of activity, the total number of pupils involved, and the availability of appropriate vehicles. Groups of pupils too small in number to make economical use of Type I or Type II vehicles may be transported in privately owned passenger vehicles driven by qualified school personnel, state employees, and parents/guardians.

Transportation by Volunteer Drivers

The school business administrator shall supplement the transportation resources of the district by identifying qualified school personnel, state employees, and parents/guardians who are willing to provide transportation for district pupils to and from school-related activities.

Qualifications shall include:

- A. A valid New Jersey (or other) driver's license;
- B. A private passenger vehicle of eight or fewer capacity, with a current New Jersey or other inspection sticker; and
- C. Evidence of at least the statutorily required insurance coverage.
- D. Evidence of compliance with the state mandate for booster seats for students who are under the age of eight and weigh less than 80 pounds.

The school business administrator shall develop and the board shall adopt detailed regulations to ensure:

- A. District approval of activities involved;
- B. District determination of drivers and assignment of pupils to them;
- C. Pupil safety in pick-up, transit, and drop-off;
- D. Adequate supervision of pupils at the activity.

Transportation of Pupils by District Employees as Part of Assigned Duties

District employees who transport pupils in a private vehicle during working hours as part of their assigned duties shall:

- A. Have a current New Jersey (or other) driver's license;
- B. Use a privately owned passenger vehicle of eight or fewer capacity with evidence of at least the statutorily required insurance coverage. The vehicle must have a current inspection sticker;
- C. Conform to all safety practices set forth in the regulations to this policy.
- D. Evidence of compliance with the state mandate for booster seats for students who are under the age of eight and weigh less than 80 pounds.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:16-6	Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:39-20.1	Transportation to and from related school activities in private vehicle with capacity of eight or less; authorization of qualified school personnel, state employees or parents
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:21-10.2	Transportation to related activities

Cross References:

5020	Role of parents/guardians
6145	Extracurricular activities
6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6153	Field trips