

Storey County School District Policy Manual

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Section: (E) Support Services

Policy Number: EEBC

Title: Use of Vehicle Other Than a School
Bus

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USE OF A VEHICLE OTHER THAN A SCHOOL BUS

A. Philosophy: The Board of School Trustees recognizes that the use of 11-15 passenger vans are unsafe by National Transportation Safety Board standards, and has agreed these said vehicles are prohibited for the use of transporting students including fewer than 11 in a 11-15 passenger van. This type of van may not be used as a rental, loaner or in any other situation for transporting students while under the school district's jurisdiction/supervision.

Anytime there are nine or more students and a driver to be transported to and from school or a school related event, an official school bus must be used, or several vehicles used as follows:

1. For eight or less students and an adult driver, the teachers, coaches and school bus drivers have the option of using (if available) district owned car(s), suv(s), or 6-8 passenger (mini) van(s). If such smaller vehicles are not available, the group must be transported in a school bus. Students may not be transported in the bed of a pick-up truck, or on a motorcycle or other non-conventional vehicles. Except in a school bus, all students must have on a regulation seat belt while being transported.
2. When plans of vehicle usage have changed, the teacher/coach shall inform the site administrator and parents of the change, prior to transporting the students.

B. Philosophy: The Board of School Trustees recognize that student driving of private vehicles statistically shows a much higher than usual rate of injury and death for teenagers.

To help to ensure safe transportation within legal parameters, the following policy is established:

1. While under school district jurisdiction/supervision at no time are students allowed to drive a vehicle school or private vehicle, other than in their own or one designated to them by their parent/guardian, and then they may transport only themselves. Students may not transport another student when they are under school district jurisdiction/supervision, including at lunch time. The only exception to this is going to and from school (from and to home) at the beginning and ending of their school day. Staff members are required to report any infractions of this policy immediately to the school site administrator.