

POLICY

Board of Education

Bernards Township

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COMMUNITY USE OF TRANSPORTATION

The Bernards Township Board of Education will permit the school busing vehicles owned or leased by our District to be used for the purpose of transporting senior citizens' groups and children and adults participating in a recreation or other program operated by Bernards Township in accordance with law and rules of the State Board of Education. The Board will not permit the use of school busing vehicles for any purpose not expressly authorized by law and Board policy.

The transportation of senior citizens shall be restricted to destinations that are within this school District or any contiguous school district. The transportation of children and adults participating in a recreation or other program shall be limited by the location of the program.

The transportation of community members under this policy shall be limited to those hours and days when vehicles are not required for the transportation of pupils. No transportation will be supplied for the purpose of attendance at political activities. The Board reserves the right to refuse or cancel any community transportation in the interests of the educational program or the efficient operation of our District. Use of school vehicles will also be permitted for purposes of evacuation or aid in the event of natural disaster or civic emergency.

Vehicles must be operated by the holder of a valid New Jersey commercial driver's license who has been approved by this Board.

The costs of community transportation shall be reimbursed to the Board based upon the actual cost of fuel and oil, driver's salary, insurance, maintenance, depreciation, licensing and registration, and administrative overhead.

A request for community transportation must be submitted to the Transportation Supervisor no less than 4 weeks prior to the planned trip and must be approved by the Business Administrator.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22 et seq.; 39:3B-54

N.J.A.C. 6:3-4.1

Cross reference: Policy Guide Nos. 9190

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