

NORTH OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83

Category: **8050.01R**

REGULATION

Adopted: 2019-04-01 (Employees)
2019-09-01 (Volunteers)

PRIVATE VEHICLE USE

Private vehicles may be used to transport students to and from extra-curricular or curricular trips when practicable, provided the following requirements are met:

All trips, vehicles, and drivers must be approved by the Principal or designate, who shall ensure that volunteer drivers are familiar with the policy and Collective Agreements related to travel.

For each eligible driver, the school Principal must retain on file:

- Driver's Information Form for each trip, including the list of students to be transported (as per attached form Appendix E);
- Photocopy of the volunteer's driver's license, driver's abstract, vehicle registration, and insurance as per below, all current within one year;
- Photocopy of either a criminal record check or police information check, current within five years for employees and three years for volunteers.

The vehicle must be licensed for B.C. and have a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) liability insurance (\$5,000,000 recommended). The vehicle may be used to transport students to a maximum of six days per month.

If a private vehicle is used for transportation on trips, the Principal or designate must deem satisfactory that the owner of the vehicle carries adequate insurance coverage, as per ICBC recommendations. A copy of the registration is to be filed with the school.

The vehicle must be driven by a driver who is 21 years of age or older, who shall possess a valid driver's license which is neither a learner nor novice license.

If the Principal deems it necessary, he/she may request a vehicle inspection prior to the commencement of the trip, at no cost to the Board.

Every student who is transported in a vehicle other than a school bus or public transit must wear a seat belt or restraining device which shall be properly adjusted and securely fastened.

No child under the age of thirteen (13) or weighing less than 40 kg., shall be transported in a front passenger seat equipped with an air bag.

Children at least 18 kg (40 lbs) are to be secured in a booster seat, up to their ninth birthday or 145 cm (4'9") tall, whichever comes first.

- In a booster seat in a seating position equipped with a lap/shoulder seatbelt, or
- In a booster seat in a seating position with a lap belt, if lap/shoulder seatbelt is not available.

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Private vehicle drivers are to observe a zero tolerance for the use of alcohol, drugs, or medications which may cause drowsiness.

The Board of Education will not be responsible for the loss of use or safe driver discount resulting from the use of the vehicle on school business.

School District Employees:

- School District 83 carries additional Liability Coverage for up to \$5,000,000 for employee drivers (Policy APV29).
- Employees may claim mileage for the round trip distance in kilometers when deemed to be fulfilling a requirement of the job. The mileage reimbursement is intended to cover fuel, a portion of maintenance, and insurance costs.
- It is recommended that school district employees who are driving students more than six calendar days per month have “Business Coverage” instead of “To and From Work” so that if the employee carries collision coverage, it would be in effect in the event of an accident. Reimbursement for this additional coverage is considered to be included in the mileage allowance rate as part of the monthly mileage claim.
- Damages that occur to the inside of a vehicle as a direct result of transporting students should be reported to the direct supervisor immediately. Costs for repairs will be negotiated with the Principal and/or Secretary-Treasurer.
- Damages above the liability amount provided for by ICBC are covered through the School Protection Plan (SPP). This **fully covers** any additional liability that may be incurred as a result of an accident.
- SPP coverage is automatically provided to School District employees who are authorized according to this regulation when driving on school-related business. It is void in the case of **criminal negligence**.

Volunteers:

- Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from the school site for curricular and extra-curricular events that take place outside the school day.
- Alternative arrangements may be permitted, provided prior parent/guardian permission has been provided to the Principal or designate in a written paper or electronic communication. These arrangements may include a parent or guardian or designated family member over the age of 21 picking up a student on the transportation list of other drivers after an event, or an approved driver dropping off a student at their home instead of the school.
- No remuneration may be provided by the School or District to volunteer drivers of students who are not School District employees, as this will void insurance.