

Activity Bus Policy

The school offers various curricular and extra-curricular field trips and activities for student's educational, social, and physical development. Bus transportation is often necessary to transport students for such activities. This policy governs the use of any school activity bus owned or leased by the school for such purposes, to provide for orderly and safe transportation in such instances. The following procedures and rules shall apply.

1. Regular school policies and procedures shall apply during use of a school activity bus, including the student conduct code, plus any other rules established by the school administration. Use of a school activity bus, even if occurring after regular school hours is a school-sponsored event.
2. Activity bus drivers shall (a) be authorized by the Head of School to drive an activity bus, (b) be properly licensed and trained in its safe operation, (c) comply with all other applicable laws, rules and school policies pertaining to an activity bus and to supervising its riders, and (d) with any other designated supervisor or chaperone, have reasonable discretion to supervise and direct bus riders, and to take steps reasonably necessary to preserve order and safety.
3. Activity bus transportation is provided as a privilege, not a right, to students who benefit from its use. Such privilege may be suspended for one or more students when, in the reasonable discretion of the Head of School or his/her designee, such suspension is necessary for safe and orderly school operation.
4. A parent whose child rides an activity bus under approved circumstances impliedly consents to such use and accepts the normal risks associated therewith. A parent may, however, withdraw such implied consent by providing reasonable, advance written notice to the Head of School of any objection the parent has to his/her child riding such bus on a particular occasion or any occasion. In such cases, the parent shall bear sole responsibility for providing alternate transportation for the child if the child is to participate in the respective activity.
5. If the school contracts for hire a commercial bus for similar purposes, riders shall comply with any additional rules imposed by the provider of such bus.
6. The Head of School or his/her designee may establish additional administrative procedures to govern activity bus use.