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8651 COMMUNITY USE OF TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education may permit the school busing vehicles owned or leased by this district to be used for the purpose of transporting senior citizens' groups, disabled citizens, children and adults participating in a recreation or other program operated by South Orange and Maplewood 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 disabled citizens may be within any 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 weekends, holidays, summer vacation time, or 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 the district.

Vehicles must be operated by the holder of a valid New Jersey bus driver's license who has been approved by this Board. The costs of community transportation shall be reimbursed to the Board in full.

A request for community transportation must be submitted to the Director of Transportation no less than one week prior to the planned trip and must be approved by the certified School Business Administrator. The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations governing the community use of transportation.

N.J.S.A.18A:39-22 et seq. N.J.S.A.39:3B-5.4; N.J.A.C.6:21-12.26A:27-7.8 et seq.

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