

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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8660 TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE

The Board of Education authorizes the transportation by private vehicle of pupils of this district between the school and a school activity approved by this Board in accordance with this policy.

Any such transportation must be approved in advance and in writing by the certified School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee. The writing must set forth the date, time, and reason for the transportation; the places from and to which pupils will be transported; the name and address of the driver; the names of the pupils to be transported; a brief description of the transportation vehicle; and the signature of the driver. The parent or legal guardian of a participating pupil will be given, on request, the name of the driver and the description of the vehicle.

No person shall be approved as driver for the transportation of pupils in a private vehicle who is not an employee of this Board or the parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in this district and the holder of a currently valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New Jersey.

The Board may withdraw the authorization of any private vehicle driver.

Any private vehicle used for the transportation of pupils must be owned by the approved driver or the spouse of the approved driver; have the capacity to hold not more than eight persons; and must conform to registration, inspection, and insurance requirements of the State of New Jersey for privately owned vehicles. No vehicle may be used to transport more persons than its normal load capacity. The use of seat belts by all passengers is required.

The responsibility of teaching staff members for the discipline and control of pupils will extend to their transportation of pupils in a private vehicle. Drivers who are not teaching staff members shall promptly report pupil misconduct to the building principal.

Expenses incurred by drivers of private vehicles in the course of transporting pupils will be reimbursed by the Board at the approved mileage rate and upon presentation of evidence of costs for tolls and parking fees. The vehicle owners insurance shall be primary.

N.J.S.A.18A:16-6; 18A:25-2; 18A:39-20.1

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