

## TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Generally, transporting students for school purposes is done in a vehicle owned by the school district and driven by a school bus driver. Students may be transported in private vehicles for school purposes. It is within the discretion of the superintendent to determine when this is appropriate.

Individuals transporting students for school purposes in private vehicles must have the permission of the superintendent. Private vehicles will be used only when proof of insurance has been supplied to the superintendent and when the parents of the students to be transported have given written permission to the superintendent. The school district assumes no responsibility for those students who have not received the approval of the superintendent and who ride in private vehicles for school purposes.

This policy statement applies to transportation of students for school purposes in addition to transporting students to and from their designated attendance center. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

NOTE: There is no legal requirement that private drivers have written proof of insurance. The requirement is written into the policy as a protection for the school district. Prior to letting private drivers transport students, a school district may want to check with the school district's insurance carrier to determine its coverage in those instances.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 285; 321 (2007).  
281 I.A.C. 43.

Cross Reference: 401.6 Transporting of Students by Employees  
401.7 Employee Travel Compensation  
711 Transportation

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