

Use of School Buses by Community Groups

The general philosophy of the Board of Education is that transportation equipment purchased by the District is to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers shall not be expected to subsidize busing equipment or personnel not necessary for District purposes. Nevertheless, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make available for use by appropriate community groups transportation equipment to the extent that such use does not impinge upon or impair use for District purposes.

Among community groups that qualify for the use of school transportation equipment are those composed of citizens 65 years of age and older. Such groups shall be given special consideration as required by the statute relating to community use of school buses. As permitted by law, all groups shall be expected to pay the actual costs involved in the use of school transportation equipment.

Nonschool use of school transportation equipment shall not be intermingled with student transportation, nor shall it interfere with:

1. Student transportation to, from or between schools
2. Student transportation for school activities and functions
3. Emergency transportation for students
4. Time required for maintenance and service of equipment
5. Provision of standby equipment for school purposes

Regulations for community use of school transportation equipment shall be developed by the administration and approved by the Board.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-128 Use of school buses by residents
C.R.S. 39-27-102 Tax imposed on gasoline and special fuel
C.R.S. 40-10-116 (1)(b) Transportation of schoolchildren
C.R.S. 40-16-101 (1.5) Children's activity bus
C.R.S. 40-16-104 (1)(d) Insurance requirements

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