

USE OF SCHOOL BUSES BY COMMUNITY GROUPS

The general philosophy of the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education is that school vehicles purchased by the Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) are 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.

The nature of student transportation necessitates peak requirements/high demand for the utilization of equipment and personnel during specific months of the year and specific hours of the school day. This results in extended periods of the fleet remaining idle. In accordance with state law, the Board has the authority to define "reasonable use" of school vehicles for purposes other than pupil transportation.

As such, it is the policy of the Board to make school vehicles available for use by appropriate community groups of five or more individuals to the extent that such use does not interfere with District purposes. Community groups composed of citizens 65 years of age and older shall be given special consideration as required by state statute. Other groups shall be limited to non-profit organizations, governmental agencies/sponsored events, and other organizations that provide services for the education, enrichment and development of students. Use of District vehicles will not be approved for any partisan or other political use, activity promoting or opposing any sectarian views, personal use or use by a private enterprise.

Insurance coverage provided by the District shall be in effect during the time of any such use, with coverage similar to and limits not less than the insurance coverage which is in effect while the school district transportation equipment is being used for transportation of students.

Provision of these services will be on a fee for service basis. Fees will cover all expenses of the operation of such school vehicles as reimbursement and shall not constitute compensation.

Nonschool use of school vehicles 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 use of school vehicles shall be developed by the Superintendent.

Adopted February 1983
Revised June 1988

Revised to conform with practice: date of manual revision
Reviewed May, 1995
Revised June 22, 2011
Reviewed May 27, 2015

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-128

CROSS REFS.: KHE, Political Solicitations in Schools