

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)

Regulation Subject: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION - FIELD TRIPS

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Description

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Regulation: 302-R

1. All Board approved sports, curricular and extra-curricular field trips will normally be transported by a Board approved vehicle and a professional driver or a public transportation system. A professional driver for these purposes is one who has a class two or class four drivers licence and is employed as a driver transporting passengers on a daily basis.
2. A School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) school bus will be the first option for all travel.
3. If a local school bus is not available then a contractor will be hired by the Director of Operations on behalf of the school.

Use of Private Vehicles

4. There are occasions for transporting students in privately owned vehicles. In such an event:
 - a) The driver shall be at least 21 years of age and hold a regular Class 5 license.
 - b) The driver should be free of at-fault accidents for at least three years; and upon request, the driver must provide a copy of his/her driver's license and current abstract to the school principal/vice-principal.
 - c) Vehicles used for student transportation must be rated appropriately and issued with:
 - i. third party and passenger hazard liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000
 - ii. accident benefits as required by law
 - iii. collision or upset coverage
 - iv. comprehensive coverage
5. In all cases, the vehicle owner's insurance coverage is primary or first loss insurance. The owner must advise her/his insurer of the possible use of the automobile in order for the insurer to determine the nature of exposure.
 - a) The School District does not accept responsibility for any damage to the vehicle in the event of an accident, nor for deductible, loss of insurance discount or loss of
6. The volunteer driver and owner should ensure that to the best of their knowledge, the motor vehicle is in good mechanical condition and is equipped with appropriate tires for

- road conditions.
7. Parents and employees driving on school district business or in connection with school related activities shall ensure that all passengers are wearing seat belts. No child under 13 years of age shall occupy the front passenger seat of a vehicle equipped with an airbag.
 8. All student passengers under the age of nine who have not yet reached a height of 145 cm (4' 9"•) must be properly restrained using booster seats.
 9. For safety and health reasons, volunteer drivers shall not allow smoking in their vehicles while transporting students.
 10. The driver must not, at any time during his/her performance as a volunteer driver, be under the influence or consume any alcoholic beverages, use any restricted substances or be under the influence of medication that impairs judgment.
 11. The driver must not operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner or in contravention of any statute or regulation governing the operation of motor vehicles.
 12. An accurate passenger list is to be retained in the vehicle and at the school.