

Section: Business Management

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Section 304.060, RSMo., authorizes vehicles other than approved school buses to be used for transportation of students. Such vehicles shall transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests as appropriate for such vehicle. Section 304.060, RSMo., further authorizes the use of authorized common carriers for field trips and other special trips for educational purposes. This rule establishes standards for transportation in other than approved school buses and standards for use of authorized common carriers.

Requirements for Transportation of Students in Vehicles Other than School Buses

1. Vehicles designed for enclosed passenger transportation may be used subject to approval by the local Park Hill Board of Education.
2. Vehicles shall be licensed according to law and shall display a current state safety inspection sticker.
3. The driver of a private automobile shall have a valid operator's driver's license.
4. Vehicles shall have liability insurance coverage as required by the local Board.
5. If transportation service in vehicles other than school buses is contracted, there shall be a written contract between the Park Hill School District and the individual or firm providing the service.
6. The district shall ensure that the drivers are at least 21 years old and comply with applicable state regulations.
7. Drivers *shall* exercise care and caution while driving and may only communicate by mobile telephone when doing so will not compromise the safety of passengers or others in their proximity. In addition, drivers are prohibited from using mobile phones or other electronic devices to view electronic data (other than maps) or to send or read text messages while driving.

Requirements for Transportation of Students in Authorized Common Carriers

1. Authorized common carriers shall only be used to transport students to and from field trips or other special trips for educational purposes and shall not be used to transport students to and from school. Authorized common carriers, as used in this policy, are over-the-road intercity-type coaches equipped with reclining seats, air conditioning and restroom facilities and holding authority from the Missouri Department of Transportation or the Interstate Commerce Commission.
2. There shall be a written contract between the district and individual or firm providing the vehicle.
3. All contracts with authorized common carriers shall include: A. Proof of liability greater than or equal to the amount of five (5) million dollars per accident. B. Proof of safety inspections and compliance with applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
4. The driver of an authorized common carrier shall hold a valid Missouri commercial driver's license or a similar license valid in any other state and shall comply with all applicable driver qualifications of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Drivers of authorized common carriers shall exercise care and caution while driving and may only communicate by mobile telephone when doing so will not compromise the safety of passengers or others in the common carrier's proximity. In addition, drivers of authorized common carriers are prohibited from using mobile phones or other electronic devices to view electronic data (other than maps) or to send or read text messages while driving.

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