

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

School buses will be used for the transportation of students participating in co-curricular or extracurricular activities. However, when buses are not available, private vehicles may be permitted to transport students to or from school activities that fall within the academic day or extend the school day provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The activity has the approval of the Superintendent.
2. The owner of the vehicle being used in transporting students must file evidence with the Superintendent of personal liability insurance coverage on the vehicle in the amounts of at least \$100,000 - \$300,000.
3. The parents of students to be transported in this manner will be fully informed as to this means of transportation and will sign a statement to this effect.

Employees will not be required to drive pupils to activities that take place away from the school building. Employees may do so voluntarily, however, with advance approval of their Principal or immediate supervisor. The School Committee will cover by insurance such employee in the event of any accident which may occur in connection with said trip in accordance with the relevant provisions of Massachusetts General Laws as most currently amended, or any other applicable provision of law, to the extent such employee may incur liability over and above his/her own insurance coverage, if any.

The Superintendent and principals are directed to develop practices and forms for the purpose of documenting approvals of student transportation in private vehicles.

Approved November 21, 2011

LEGAL REFERENCE: M.G.L. 258:9

CROSS REFERENCE: EEAH, Student Transportation Insurance;
Exhibit EEAE-E

REFERENCE: WEA (Unit A) Agreement, Article XXII, Section 3