

**Policy**

PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

The Frenchtown Board of Education prohibits the use of privately-owned passenger vehicles to transport students to or from any school-related activities. In the event the board position regarding the transportation of students in privately-owned vehicles presents an unnecessary financial burden on the district the superintendent may recommend and the board may approve the construction of a volunteer drivers pool according to policy, board regulation and law.

In recommending arrangements for student transportation to and from school- related activities, the superintendent shall consider the type of activity, the total number of students involved, and the availability of appropriate vehicles. Groups of students too small in number to make economical use of Type I or Type II vehicles may be transported in privately owned passenger vehicles driven by qualified school personnel, state employees and parents/guardians.

Transportation by Volunteer Drivers

The superintendent shall supplement the transportation resources of the district by identifying qualified school personnel, state employees and parents/guardians who are willing to provide transportation for district students to and from school-related activities.

Qualifications shall include:

- A. A valid New Jersey (or other) driver's license with no convictions for moving violations;
- B. A private passenger vehicle of eight or fewer capacity, with a current New Jersey or other inspection sticker; and
- C. Evidence of at least the statutorily required insurance coverage.

The superintendent shall develop and the board shall adopt detailed regulations to ensure:

- A. District approval of activities involved;
- B. District determination of drivers and assignment of students to them;
- C. Student safety in pickup, transit and drop-off;
- D. Adequate supervision of students at the activity.

Transportation of Students by District Employees as Part of Assigned Duties

District employees who transport students in a private vehicle during working hours as part of their assigned duties shall:

- A. Have a current New Jersey (or other) driver's license with no convictions for moving violations;
- B. Use a privately owned passenger vehicle of eight or fewer capacity with evidence of at least the statutorily

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required insurance coverage. The vehicle must have a current inspection sticker;

C. Conform to all safety practices set forth in the regulations to this policy.

Implementation of this section shall be in conformity with applicable negotiated agreement.

NOTE: EMPLOYEES WHO USE DISTRICT-OWNED VEHICLES MUST CONFORM TO A, B AND C. THE DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE VEHICLE AND ADEQUATE INSURANCE. A DISTRICT IS NOT OBLIGATED TO NEGOTIATE OVER ACTUAL ASSIGNMENTS. IT MUST BARGAIN UPON DEMAND OVER COMPENSATION RELATED TO SUCH ASSIGNMENTS.

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Privately Owned Vehicles, Auxiliary Student Transportation, Student Transportation, Student Transportation

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6 Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions  
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1 Transportation to and from related school activities in private vehicle with capacity of eight or less; authorization of qualified school personnel, state employees or parents  
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.7 Insurance  
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.6 Transportation to and from related school activities  
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.7 Parent transporting his or her own child or children

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*5020 Role of parents/guardians  
\*6145 Extracurricular activities  
\*6145.1/6145.2 Intramural competition; interscholastic competition  
\*6153 Field trips

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.