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Policy 8651 COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

In accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey and the regulations of the New Jersey Department of Education, the Vineland Board of Education will permit use of school buses owned or leased by this district for the purpose of transporting senior citizens' groups to and from events within the district or any contiguous district, for transporting handicapped citizens in any district, and for transporting children and adults participating in a recreation or other program operated by the City of Vineland. Such events shall include but not be limited to civic, social, cultural, educational, recreational, nutritional, and health programs and activities. The transportation of children and adults participating in a recreation or other program operated by the City of Vineland may be beyond this district or any contiguous district.

“Contiguous district” means a district adjoining the City of Vineland. “Group” means ten or more persons. “Senior citizens” means those citizens of the state of New Jersey who are sixty years of age or older. For purposes of this policy, spouses of senior citizens may be less than sixty years of age and still may be transported with his or her spouse.

The transportation of community members under this policy shall be limited to those hours and days when vehicles are not required for the transportation of pupils of this district. No vehicle will be supplied for the purposes of attendance to political activities. The Board reserves the right to refuse or cancel any community transportation in the interest of the educational program or the efficient operation of the district.

The vehicles must be operated by the holder of a valid New Jersey bus driver's license who is employed by this Board. School bus warning lamps shall not be used when transporting community members. School buses shall load and unload off the public roadway so as so as to not interfere with traffic.

The cost of community transportation shall be reimbursed to the Board in the amount of the actual cost of fuel and oil, driver's salary, insurance, maintenance, depreciation, and administrative overhead, to be calculated by the Board Secretary.

A request for community transportation must be submitted to the Board Secretary no less than ten days prior to a Vineland Board of Education meeting so that the Board may pass upon the request. Approval of the request by the Vineland Board of Education must be given prior to the event.

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to adopt administrative guidelines and regulations, to include without limitation, the development of an application form, provision for the posting of a deposit by the applicant, and provision for the payment of any balance due the Board or refund due the applicant.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-5.4;
N.J.A.C. 6:21-12.2

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