

Proposed School Board Policy

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C. Transportation of students in school district vehicle other than a school bus, driven by an individual that is not a school board employee.

The School Board of Clay County, Florida has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Home Society ("CHS") to provide student services as part of the Clay Community Partnership School Project. The participating schools are Keystone High School, Wilkinson Junior High School and Orange Park High School. Due to various circumstances, participating students are often unable to properly avail themselves to medical care and participation in outreach/education enhancement programs; transportation is the issue. This Policy is intended to provide for the use of district vehicles, commonly known as "the white fleet" by employees of Children's Home Society who are working with students at schools participating in the Clay Community Partnership School Project. The parameters of such use are set forth herein.

1. Operation and use of district owned vehicles by individuals who are not district employees to transport students shall be for the limited purposes of transporting the student essential activities/services, those being either to a medical facility or physician's office for an appointment which is other than emergency care or to participate in off campus outreach/education enhancement programs.
2. The District vehicle utilized for student transport must be a passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck, described as defined in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.3(b) and must be designed to transport fewer than 10 passengers.
3. All occupants must be transported in designated seating positions and must use the occupant crash protection system (seatbelts) provided by the manufacturer unless the student's physical condition prohibits such use. In the event that a child aged five (5) years or younger is transported, said child(ren) shall be restrained by a child safety restraint (age 3 years or younger), or a seat belt or child restraint device (age 4 or 5 years) in compliance with F.S. 316.614(4)(a) and 316.613(1)(a).
4. The vehicle shall not, under any circumstance, be driven by a student on a public right of way.
5. The non-School Board employee driver must have and maintain a valid Florida driver license.
6. The non-School Board employee driver must comply with, and meet all requirements of, the Clay County school district's locally adopted safe driver plan, which includes review of driving records for disqualifying violations.
7. Written parental consent to transport students by persons and for purposes described herein must be provided to the school Principal no later than the day before transport is to take place.
8. Arrangements for use of district owned vehicles for purposes set forth herein must be made with the school Principal and/or the Director of Transportation by the CHS employee no later than one business day prior to the day of intended vehicle use. The required form (written or oral) by which the request/notification will be made shall be determined by the Principal and/or the Director of Transportation.
9. The CHS employee may be held personally liable for any accidents or injuries which occur during transport of students for purposes set forth herein.
10. Consequences for violating this policy shall include termination of district vehicle use by the individual and may include barring the offending individual(s) from entering upon any Clay District school campus.

(Ref. F.S. 1006.22(1)(b) Adopted: