

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL-OWNED BUSES

School bus transportation shall be provided to students in actual attendance in the public schools who live one mile or more from the school the student is authorized to attend.

This school board is authorized and empowered to purchase, own and operate, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education, motor vehicles and other equipment for the transportation of children to and from the public schools of the respective counties and school districts, and to provide for the servicing, repair, care and maintenance of such county or district-owned motor vehicles and to employ drivers for the operation thereof, and to establish, erect and equip school bus shops or garages, and purchase land therefor, all under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

This school board is authorized and empowered to expend the necessary amounts from the available transportation funds of the school district for the purchase of such transportation equipment, the servicing, repair and maintenance thereof and for the payment of the salaries of persons employed to drive or operate such transportation equipment, and to establish, erect and equip school bus shops or garages, and purchase land therefor.

This school board shall not purchase any school bus or pupil transportation service vehicle as authorized by Section 37-41-81 except in the manner prescribed in Section 37-41-101. No school bus shall be purchased or otherwise acquired which does not conform to the specifications provided by the State Board of Education.

This school board, with the approval of the State Board of Education, may borrow money for the purchase of school transportation equipment or to establish, erect and equip school bus shops or garages, and purchase land therefor, and issue the negotiable notes or bonds of the school district as evidence of the indebtedness so incurred.

The superintendent shall operate and manage the student transportation program of this school district according to the most recent edition of the Pupil Transportation Guide for Superintendents.

BUS AND DRIVER SAFETY

All buses are expected to be inspected on a quarterly basis and are to be well-maintained and clean. Each bus driver has a valid bus driver certificate and a commercial driver's license and operates the bus according to all specified safety procedures. The school district has on file a yearly motor vehicle report on each driver and evidence that each driver has received two hours of in-service training per semester.

Bus schedules ensure arrival of all buses at their designated school sites prior to the start of the instructional day. Emergency bus evacuation drills are conducted at least two times each year.

District owned buses may be used only for purposes directly connected with the district.

The superintendent or his designee shall submit required records and reports regarding the operation of the school transportation system to the State Board of Education.

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