

West Bonner County School District

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Activity Trips

The use of school buses is strictly limited to school activities. Buses may not be loaned or leased to non-school groups unless permission is specifically granted by the Board. On all activity runs, buses will be operated by a qualified bus driver, and only authorized activity participants; professional staff and chaperones assigned by the administration may ride the bus.

A duplicate copy of the passenger list will be made for all activity trips. One (1) copy will remain with the professional staff member in charge on the bus and one (1) copy will be given to the Activities Director before the bus departs.

All buses used to transport students on activity trips shall be in safe mechanical and good working condition.

Student Travel to/from Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activity

Unless other travel arrangements are authorized, students will board the bus at the school designated as point of origin for the trip and will return to the point of origin in the bus. Any stops along the designated route to pick up or discharge students must be pre-approved by the Transportation Director.

The only variation allowed in this regulation is the release of students to parents in a face-to-face situation at the close of the activity before buses begin the return trip. Such release will require a signed, dated note from the parent.

The activity must provide at least one instructor, coach or adult sponsor for each bus on a special trip who shall be familiar with or provide a copy of this policy. The bus driver will be responsible for the safe operation of the bus. The sponsor will be responsible for supervision of students and enforcement of bus rules. Any adult designated by the principal as a sponsor will have such authority.

Students must follow all school bus rules with this exception: Food and drink not in glass containers will be allowed on the bus with permission of the principal. However, any debris must be cleaned up by the coach and students at the end of the trip and before students leave the bus.

If a student causes a disruption or hazard on the bus, a hearing will be held with the principal, driver, instructor, coach or adult sponsor, parent/guardian and student. The driver, instructor, coach or adult sponsor, parent/guardian and the student will have the opportunity to share with the principal their perceptions of the problem. If the principal finds that there has been an infraction of bus rules, he/she will take the following action:

1. On the first infraction, the student will be warned that following any further infraction he/she will be declared ineligible for transportation to the extracurricular or co-curricular activities for one event.
2. On the second infraction during a semester, the student will be declared ineligible for transportation to the extracurricular or co-curricular activity for two events.
3. On the third infraction during a semester or sports season, the student will be declared ineligible for transportation to the extracurricular or co-curricular activities for the remainder of the semester.

Based on the severity of the problem as it relates to respect and safety for others, the principal may bypass step #1 and/or step #2 above and immediately declare the student ineligible for transportation for two weeks or for the remainder of the semester or sports season.

Scheduling of Band, Choir and Academic Decathlon Trips

For the purposes of scheduling band, choir and academic decathlon competition trips, these trips will be scheduled through the high school athletic director. These trips must be performance competitions.

Trips for the school year must be submitted no later than September 30th, for each school year to the Principal and District Business Manager for funding approval. These trips must go through the same approval process as field trips and a copy must be sent to the athletic director for scheduling with transportation.

Those trips that are not performance competitions must be funded at the local level or fundraisers and must be pre-approved by the building principal.

Transporting Students in Personal Vehicles.

Under no circumstances is it allowable for WBCSD employees to transport students in their personal vehicles to and from school sponsored activities.

Cross Reference: 3380 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation Policy

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