Transportation service equipment and personnel shall be used primarily to transport to and from school during the day those public and non-public school students eligible for such transportation.

Transportation service equipment and personnel may be used secondarily to provide transportation for field trips for curricular and extracurricular activities, which are part of the educational program.

Transportation equipment and personnel shall not be used for any purpose or activity that is not directly connected with and a part of the regular educational programs within the District. Exceptions may be granted to governmental agencies sponsoring approved programs for youth in the community as approved by the Board. “For profit” organizations are prohibited from using school transportation equipment by law (MCL 380.1333.)

The Superintendent shall be authorized to approve the use of buses for field trips for curricular and extracurricular activities upon submission of requests from building administrators, classroom teachers, or faculty sponsors of extracurricular activities.

No fees shall be charged for transportation for field trips which are mandatory or which are a part of the regular classroom or curricular program of the schools.

Fees to cover expenses of non-mandatory and non-credit extracurricular field trips may be charged according to rules promulgated by the State Board of Education or as set by the Board.

Only students enrolled in the District and chaperones authorized by the school shall be allowed to ride buses on curricular or extracurricular field trips. The Superintendent may authorize parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or other residents of the community to ride buses to school sponsored activities if sufficient space is available. In all cases, students shall come first.

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