
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Transportation of students to and from school, on field trips, and for athletic and co-curricular activities normally shall be by approved school bus or van under contract to the Bangor School Department. However, when the Principal determines that the numbers of students or unique nature of a school event preclude the reasonable and economical use of such vehicles, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Students may drive and ride in personal vehicles between Bangor High School and such locations within the City of Bangor as the J. Henry Cameron Stadium or Bangor Cross Insurance Center subject to such restrictions as the principal or coach or advisor may issue.
2. Students may be transported to school-sponsored events, outside of Bangor, such as field trips and interscholastic athletic contests, in private vehicles subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Generally, drivers should be school employees or parents of students. No driver shall be a high school student or be less than eighteen years of age. The names of each driver shall be submitted to the principal prior to the final approval of each trip by the principal.
 - (b) The legal capacity of each vehicle shall be strictly observed, seat belts shall be available for the driver and each passenger, and seat belts should be used.
 - (c) Permission slips signed by parent or guardian allowing students to be transported in private vehicle will be obtained by the school and reviewed by the principal.
 - (d) Drivers of private vehicles, whether or not employees of the Bangor School Department, will provide copies of driver's license and insurance prior to transporting any students.
3. With the prior written permission of parent or guardian and the principal, students of less than eighteen years of age may use their own vehicles, but shall not transport other students as passengers, when traveling to school-sponsored activities outside of the City of Bangor. Generally, such permission will be granted only when an undue hardship would result from using the transportation provided by the school and such permission may be revoked by the principal if the privilege is abused by the student.
4. Drivers of private vehicles, whether or not employees of the Bangor School Department, must recognize that their personal automobile insurance applies while transporting students.

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