

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

The purpose of maintaining and operating a transportation system as a part of the general school program shall be to provide adequate and safe transportation to and from school and such other auxiliary trips as shall be deemed a part of the educational program for every school child in the transportation area. The following principles will set this purpose into operation:

1. Adequate and safe school busses shall be maintained to transport properly all students entitled to such service.
2. All busses shall be operated on designated routes approved by the transportation division of the State Department of Education.
3. Bus drivers are employed by the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent. The drivers will be required to have a valid state chauffeur's license to operate the school bus.
4. Drivers shall have ample disciplinary authority of pupils while en-route to and from school or on activity trips.
5. The transportation director will be responsible to see that all busses are in proper and safe operating condition and to work with the Superintendent in the establishment of bus routes, operation, etc.
6. Bus drivers are directly responsible to the principal and the Superintendent and are fully responsible for the proper safety, care and upkeep of their busses. They are governed by the rules of the State of Oklahoma for school bus drivers. It is the driver's responsibility to keep the inside of the bus neat and clean. Each driver shall report any defective condition of his bus immediately to the person in charge of maintenance and transportation and all drivers shall observe all rules outlined by the State Department of Public Safety for proper operational of school busses. All drivers shall observe, moreover, rules set herein by the Board of Education.

Transportation expenses of school vehicles and bus drivers will be paid for by the school on all approved school activities. The school vehicle may be made available on approved school activities. If it becomes necessary for private vehicles to be used, drivers will be reimbursed for mileage upon submission of appropriate requisition, and according to state schedule. This cannot exceed state law or regulation.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §9-104