

6230 C

Athletics and Team Transportation

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I. PURPOSE

The athletics program and other competitive team activity programs offered by district schools use field trip buses for transportation to practice locations, meetings, contests and games. The purpose of this regulation is to establish special rules for these types of field trips. Participation and safety are the values to be considered where decisions are made regarding the use of district or public transportation for these programs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION

- A. General rules regarding field trips, both extended and non-extended apply to transportation for school athletic programs, except where this regulation is in conflict with the general rules. In those situations, this regulation applies.
- B. The faculty advisor or athletic director may schedule field trip buses, vans or taxis to be used for the purposes of transporting students, coaches, equipment and supplies to off-campus sites for the purposes of the program. The Transportation Department shall establish rules for the transport of equipment and supplies.
 1. Field trip buses shall be used unless the cost is prohibitive given the distance and number of participants involved.
 2. Commercially operated vans or taxis may be used so long as vendors chosen are an approved district vendor. Adequate supervision must be provided.
- C. The principal or the athletic director in consultation with the principal may specify a different level of adequate supervision for activity or athletic program buses than the general rules, however under no circumstances shall students be transported on a school bus or mass transit bus, light rail or commuter train without at least one chaperone in addition to the driver.
- D. Buses, trains, taxis or vans may not be used as changing rooms for participants.
- E. Coaches under contract to the district may serve as a trip sponsor, even though they are not an employee of the district.
- F. Appropriate provisions for students with IEPs shall be made to promote participation and provide for their safety.

Legal References:

Cross References:

MPS Policy 6230 (Field Trips)

MPS Regulations (6230 A & B)