

TRANSPORTATION 1 – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District recognizes the transportation of students is an important element in the total educational program, and that it has a duty to provide pupil transportation within the guidelines of this policy, the guidelines of the Idaho State Department of Education Pupil Transportation Manual, and Title 33, Chapter 15, Sections 33-1501 through 33-1512, Idaho Code.

Transportation services provided by this district are a privilege, not a right. The Board of Trustees also recognizes its authority to deny the transportation privileges due to disciplinary infractions or if good cause exists to do so.

Transportation may be provided to students by Mountain Home School District No. 193, where practical. In determining whether transportation is practical, and to provide for the protection of the health and safety of students being transported, the following will be considered: the scarcity of students in the area, remoteness of the area, and road conditions.

Transportation may be provided by contracts with firms or individuals, by the purchase or lease and operation of the equipment by the district, or by in lieu payments to parents in remote areas as identified and approved by the Board of Trustees.

A daycare, family daycare home, or group daycare facility as defined in Title 39, Chapter 11, Section 39-1102 – Definitions, Idaho Code, may substitute for the student's residence for student transportation to and from school. This district will not transport students between childcare facilities and home.

SECTION 1: STUDENT CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

The school bus driver is responsible for rider discipline on the school bus. Reasonable conduct is expected of passengers on school transportation equipment to include: the boarding and de-boarding in a safe, courteous manner; immediately finding a seat and remaining seated until the bus stops for de-boarding; no pets or animals without written consent of the superintendent or designee; weapons, look-alike weapons, violent acts, and other behavior as described in the district's School Safety and Discipline, Bullying, Harassment, and Abuse of Students, Transportation – Student Transportation – Student Conduct policies are not allowed; prohibited are drugs, look-alike and synthetic drugs, alcohol and tobacco products, loud noises, obscene gestures, obscene or profane language, sexual or racial harassment of students or drivers, or any other conduct which would harass or distract the bus driver.

Sanctions that may be imposed for student misconduct include discipline referrals, suspensions, and/or denial of transportation privileges. Procedures, which comply with due process requirements, are to be developed and approved by the superintendent of schools or designee. These rules, or the existence of such rules, must be posted and made available to students and parents.

Non-student riders are denied transportation without permission of the superintendent or designee.

SECTION 2: IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (I.C. 33-1509)

While acting within the course and scope of his or her duties, a school bus driver will not be civilly or criminally liable for reasonably acting to aid a rider on the bus whom the school bus driver reasonably believes to be in imminent danger of harm or injury.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

- 33-1006 – Transportation Support Program
- Title 33, Chapter 15 – Transportation of Students
- 33-1501 – Transportation Authorized
- 33-1502 – Bus Routes – Non-Transportation Zones
- 33-1504 – School Buses
- 33-1506 – Inspection of School Buses
- 33-1507 – Liability Insurance Related to Transportation
- 33-1508 – Operation of School Buses
- 33-1509 – School Bus Drivers – Definition, Qualification, Duties, Liability
- 33-1510 – Contracts for Transportation Service
- 33-1512 – Leasing of School Buses
- 39-1102 – Basic Daycare License - Definitions

Pupil Transportation Manual, Idaho State Department of Education, revised January 2006, and all subsequent revisions.

Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, Idaho State Department of Education, 2001, and all subsequent revisions.

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