

Transportation Equipment Privately Owned Vehicles

The Board of Education recognizes that, in special circumstances, North Canaan Elementary School employees may need to use private vehicles for school purposes. The Building Principal or designee may authorize the transportation of students in private vehicles for the following reasons:

1. To transport a student or students to a hospital or other medical facility, in the event of a medical emergency; and/or
2. To transport a student or students to district/Region One endorsed events when North Canaan Elementary School transportation is unavailable.

Prior authorization may not be necessary in the event of an emergency. North Canaan Elementary School assumes no liability unless the employee has prior authorization for such transportation.

Administrators will generally discourage and exercise caution in authorizing transportation of students in private vehicles, since the North Canaan Elementary School potentially assumes liability for any accident claim, which exceeds the driver's automotive liability coverage. Any teacher or parent using a private vehicle to transport students must provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount deemed adequate by the Superintendent of Schools or the Business Manager.

The incidental, unplanned and/or emergency operation of a motor vehicle by a school employee to transport students does not require the operator to hold an operator's license endorsement.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[14-1\(i\)](#) Motor vehicles: definitions.

[14-212 \(8\)](#) Definitions - "Student transportation vehicle." (as amended by PA 10-110)

[14-212 \(2\)](#) Definitions - "Carrier." (as amended by PA 10-110)

PA 07-224 An Act Concerning Operator's Licenses Bearing a School Bus Endorsement.

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