

## **SD 42 POLICY: 5401**

#### **USE OF BOARD-OWNED BUSES**

The Board may own and operate buses that are used primarily for transporting School District students to and from school and school related functions. Only authorized drivers may operate Board-owned buses.

# **DEFINITIONS**

**Bus** - Any vehicle with a seating capacity of more than ten persons including the driver is defined by the Motor Vehicle Act as a bus.

**Board owned bus** - A board owned bus is any vehicle with a seating capacity of more than ten persons including the driver that is the property of the school district.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- A bus used to transport students is required to have a valid school bus permit.
- All bus drivers of board owned buses must be authorized by the Superintendent or designate.
- Drivers who are responsible for transporting students should be trained, experienced and have a safe driving record.
- Board owned buses are used primarily for transporting School District students to and from school and school related functions.
- Board owned buses may be made available, at the discretion of the Superintendent or Secretary-Treasurer, for other occasional school district purposes, or for transporting groups of school age children who are involved in activities sponsored by other preapproved public bodies. Such use shall be conditional upon the recovery of all costs.

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