

Student Transportation in Private Vehicles for Athletic Events, Academic Team Events, Co-Curricular and/or Extracurricular Activities

School buses, public transportation or transportation by a common carrier that is licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide charter services and is licensed for passenger transport by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration should be used when feasible for the transportation of students participating in athletic events, academic team events, co-curricular or extracurricular activities and must be used for overnight travel and student travel that is scheduled between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. However, when such methods of transportation are not available or are not a reasonable means of transportation due to either the cost, number of students needing transport and/or other reasons, private vehicles may be permitted to transport students to and from athletic events, co-curricular or extracurricular activities that fall within the academic day or extend the school day and that do not include overnight travel or travel between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. provided all of the following conditions have been met:

1. The activity has been approved by the principal/head of upper school or the Superintendent of Schools or designee.
2. The driver of the vehicle being used to transport the students must have been CORI checked in accordance with the School Committee's Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) policy.
3. The driver of the vehicle submits a signed statement certifying that there is personal liability insurance coverage on the vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 to \$300,000 or more which is in full force and effect and is fully paid up.
4. The driver of the vehicle being used to transport the students submits a signed statement certifying that they are twenty-one (21) years of age or older, the vehicle is in good working order, properly licensed and that they hold and possess a valid drivers' license that has not been revoked or suspended and will follow state laws.
5. The driver of the vehicle being used to transport the students represents and warrants that they will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Schools and the Cambridge School Committee from all liability, loss, damage costs, claims and/or causes of action arising out of or related to their transportation of students in their vehicle and the owner of the vehicle agrees to assume all liability for any injury a student sustains while in the vehicle.
6. Parents/guardians/caregivers of students will be asked if they consent and authorize the transportation of their child in a private vehicle and will sign a consent and release form for such transportation.

No school staff will be required to utilize a private vehicle to transport students to and from athletic events, academic team events, co-curricular or extracurricular activities.

No student will be excluded from participating and accessing an athletic team event, academic team event, co-curricular or extracurricular activity if their parent/guardian/caregiver does not consent to having their child transported in the private vehicle of another parent/guardian/caregiver.

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