COMMUNITY USE OF TRANSPORTATION (M)

In accordance with State law and regulations, the Board of Education will permit the school buses owned by this district to be used by senior citizens groups.

"Senior citizen", for purposes of this policy, shall mean those residents of this district who are fifty-five years of age or older. "Group" shall mean ten or more persons, including senior citizens and their spouses.

Said travel shall be restricted to a destination within the regional district or any school district which shares in some part a common boundary with the total regional district.

Use of district buses by senior citizen groups may not interfere with the normal transportation of district pupils, therefore, bus use shall be limited to after regular school hours only.

Service will not be available to senior citizen groups on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or for political activities. The district cannot guarantee any such service since alterations in school closing times, emergency changes in schedule, and the like must take priority.

Buses must be operated by a person employed as a bus driver of this district.

The cost of senior citizen bus use shall be reimbursed to the Board in the amount of one hundred percent of the actual cost.

Insurance coverage for senior citizen use of district buses will be provided through current district insurance.

Requests for senior citizen use of buses shall be made at least four weeks prior to the planned trip.

Final approval for senior citizen use of district buses shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the Transportation Coordinator.
The following regulations shall be observed by all using groups:

1. Out of service signs shall be displayed.

2. Buses shall be loaded and unloaded off the public roadway.

3. All trips must be logged in specific district records.

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-5.4
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.8 et seq.

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