



5.2 Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

The Revelstoke Board of Education encourages the use of school busses to transport students to and from school related activities, however the Board recognizes that there are occasions for transporting students in privately owned vehicles.

Guidelines

1. Drivers under the age of 21, or drivers without a valid Class 5 licence will not be authorized to transport students.
2. The driver should be free of at-fault accidents for at least three years; and upon request, the driver must provide a copy of his/her driver's license and current abstract to the school principal/vice-principal.
3. Vehicles used for student transportation must be rated appropriately and issued with:
 - 3.1 third party and passenger hazard liability insurance in an amount equal to \$5,000,000;
 - 3.2 accident benefits as required by law;
 - 3.3 collision or upset coverage; and
 - 3.4 comprehensive coverage.
4. In all cases, the vehicle owner's insurance coverage is primary or first loss insurance. The owner must advise her/his insurer of the possible use of the automobile in order for the insurer to determine the nature of exposure.
 - 4.1. The Board does not accept responsibility for any damage to the vehicle in the event of an accident, nor for deductible, loss of insurance discount or loss of use.

5. The volunteer driver and owner shall ensure that to the best of their knowledge, the motor vehicle is in good mechanical condition as per the District Pre-Trip Checklist and is equipped with appropriate tires for road conditions.
6. Parents and employees driving on school district business or in connection with school related activities shall ensure that all passengers are wearing seat belts. No child under 13 years of age shall occupy the front passenger seat of a vehicle equipped with an airbag.
7. Cell phone use is to be in accordance with the BC Motor Vehicle Act which prohibits using an electronic device while driving.
8. All student passengers under the age of nine who have not yet reached a height of 145 cm (4' 9") must be properly restrained using booster seats.
9. For safety and health reasons, volunteer drivers shall not allow smoking in their vehicles while transporting students.
10. The driver must not, at any time during his/her performance as a volunteer driver, consume any alcoholic beverages, use any restricted substances or be under the influence of medication which impairs judgement.
11. The driver must not operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner or in contravention of any statute or regulation governing the operation of motor vehicles.
12. An accurate passenger list is to be retained in the vehicle and at the school.