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A. Purpose

Wasatch Charter School hereby adopts this student transportation policy. The purpose of this policy is to minimize disruption in the basic education program, ensure safety, provide enrichment of the travel experience through careful planning and provide equity in the opportunity to travel for both curricular and extracurricular programs.

B. Student Transportation for School Sponsored Activities

1. General Provisions for Student Transportation

- a. Utah Governmental Immunity caps are not applicable in courts outside of Utah, therefore school buses shall not be used to transport students out of the State of Utah.
- b. School or commercial vehicles with a seating capacity of eleven (11) or more including the driver, may not be used for the transportation of minor students, unless the vehicle meets federal school bus safety standards (49 USC 30125).
- c. Rental and private vehicles may not be used for school activity transportation if they have a capacity of more than eight (8) passengers including the driver.
- d. Seat belts must be worn at all times by all the occupants in vehicles equipped with seat belts.
- e. Transportation of students to school-sponsored activities may occur through the use of commercially-chartered buses, public transportation, or privately-driven vehicles. Drivers of commercial buses / vehicles must have the appropriate CDL licensure.
- f. Individuals transporting students in private vehicles or rented vehicles must meet the guidelines below. No adult should transport only one student in their vehicle in an official capacity for school activities, unless they are approved to transport the student by the student's parent or guardian. Use of Adult Volunteers to Transport Students
- g. An adult volunteer transporting students in a private or rental vehicle shall meet the following criteria:



- i. Be at least twenty-one (21) years old with preference to those who are twenty-five (25) or older;
 - ii. Provide school administrators with a copy of a valid driver's license.
 - iii. Have completed the relevant training for volunteers and be approved as a volunteer by a school administrator;
 - iv. Successfully pass criminal background check if they will be transporting students in a private or rented vehicle without a school employee present;
 - v. Have liability insurance coverage; and
 - vi. Have not had a conviction in the past ten (10) years for an alcohol/drug related driving violation or more than two (2) moving violations in the last twelve (12) months.
 - h. Parents/guardians must give prior informed consent for students to be transported by an adult volunteer driver.
2. Use of School Employees to Transport Students
- a. A school employee transporting students in a private or rental vehicle shall meet the following criteria:
 - i. Be at least twenty-one (21) years old, with preference to those who are twenty-five (25) or older;
 - ii. Provide school administrators with a copy of a valid driver's license;
 - iii. Have liability insurance coverage; and
 - iv. Have not had a conviction in the past ten (10) years for an alcohol/drug related driving violation or more than two (2) moving violations in the last twelve (12) months.