

## Use of School Vehicles by Community Groups

The general philosophy of the Board of Education is that school vehicles purchased by the school district are to be used primarily for school purposes and that taxpayers shall not be expected to subsidize the expense of providing school vehicles or personnel not necessary for school district purposes. Nevertheless, it is the policy of the Board of Education to make available for use by appropriate community groups school vehicles to the extent that such use does not impinge upon or impair use for school district purposes.

Among community groups that qualify for the use of school vehicles are those composed of citizens 65 years of age and older. Such groups shall be given special consideration as required by the statute relating to community use of school vehicles. As permitted by law, all groups shall be expected to pay the actual costs involved in the use of school vehicles.

Use of school vehicles by for profit businesses is specifically prohibited.

School vehicles may be provided for emergency transportation needs when requested by the San Juan County Sheriff's office as approved in the moment based on circumstance by the Superintendent.

Non-school use of school vehicles shall not be intermingled with student transportation, nor shall it interfere with:

1. Student transportation to, from or between schools.
2. Student transportation for school activities and functions.
3. Emergency transportation for students.
4. Time required for maintenance and service of vehicles.
5. Provision of standby vehicles for school purposes.

Regulations for community use of school vehicles shall be developed by the administration and approved by the Board.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-128 (*use of school vehicles by residents of district*)