

8651 SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY USE OF TRANSPORTATION

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 when application is made by the Howell Township Senior Citizen Center. "Senior citizen" for purposes of this policy shall mean those residents of this district who are sixty years of age or older and their spouses who may be of any age. "Group" shall mean ten or more persons composed of senior citizens and their spouses.

Said travel shall be restricted to a destination within this district or a district sharing some part of a common boundary with this district, namely the townships of Wall, Brick, Lakewood, Jackson, Farmingdale, Freehold, Colts Neck, and Tinton Falls.

Use of district buses by senior citizens may not interfere with the normal transportation and field trips of district pupils. If buses are available they may be used when schools are in session, weekends, holidays, evenings and during the summer or other times when school is not in session. They may not be used for political activities. Any such service cannot be guaranteed since alterations in school closing times, emergency changes in schedule, or other such circumstances must take priority.

Buses must be operated by a person holding a valid New Jersey bus driver's license and who is employed by this district as a regular or substitute driver. The cost of senior citizen bus use shall be reimbursed to the Board as determined by the Assistant Superintendent for Business to include expenditures for fuel and driver's salary.

Insurance coverage for senior citizen use of district buses will be provided through current district insurance. Requests shall be made at least three weeks prior to the planned trip. Final approval for use of district buses shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

The following regulations shall be observed by all using groups:

1. Out of service signs shall be displayed;
2. School bus warning lights shall not be used;
3. Buses shall be loaded and unloaded off the public roadway;
4. Passengers shall not be allowed to stand.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-5.4

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.8 et seq.

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