

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

USE OF SCHOOL BUS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS

(By authority conferred on the state board of education by section 1333 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being S380.1333 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 340.231 Use of school bus to transport senior citizens; conditions.

Rule 1. A school district may permit the use of a school bus for the purpose of transporting senior citizen groups if the following conditions exist:

- (a) The school bus is not otherwise being used for school purposes.
- (b) An organization or group requesting use of a school bus attests that a person to be transported is retired, 55 years of age or older, the spouse of a retired person, a staff member of the sponsoring organization or group, or an individual required to assist seniors or retired persons with handicaps.
- (c) The persons to be transported are not subjected to a sales promotion.
- (d) A school bus is not furnished to a profit-making organization or used for the transporting of freight, goods, or merchandise other than that which is carried on the laps of individual passengers.
- (e) It is determined that other suitable or economically feasible transportation is not available.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.232 Bus driver; qualifications.

Rule 2. A driver of a school bus transporting senior citizens or retired persons shall be fully qualified as required by sections 305, 305a, and 316a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being SS257.305, 257.305a, and 257.316a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.233 Passengers; compliance with rules; disorderly behavior.

Rule 3. Passengers shall comply with all established school district rules for school bus passengers, and shall leave the bus when the driver determines that there is noncompliance with the rules or disorderly behavior which is distracting to the driver.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.234 Operation of red lamps prohibited.

Rule 4. A school bus operating on a public highway and transporting passengers primarily other than school pupils shall not have the alternately flashing red lamps in operation.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.235 Stopping on street or highway.

Rule 5. A school bus shall not stop on the regularly traveled portion of a street or highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers other than school pupils.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.236 Receiving or discharging passengers.

Rule 6. A senior citizen or retired person shall, whenever practical, be received or discharged from a school bus only in a designated parking or loading area not part of a street or highway.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.237 Fee; costs.

Rule 7. A board of education may charge a fee to cover the costs for transporting senior citizens or retired persons in a school bus, or may pay costs from available funds not needed for the support of the educational program or necessary services for pupils.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.238 Fee; limitation; determination.

Rule 8. Fees for transporting senior citizens in a school bus, when charged, shall not exceed the costs for the trips, and the maximum fee shall be determined as follows:

(a) A school district official shall determine the cost per mile for the travel of its school buses by reference to the latest printout from the department of education, entitled "State Aid for Regular Transportation Allowance Data."

(b) The cost per mile determined in subdivision (a) shall be multiplied by the number of miles to be traveled. To this total may be added direct trip costs not ordinarily incurred in regular pupil transportation, including special trip insurance; salary of attendants; driver's salary, including waiting time at the trip destination; trip expenses of the driver and attendants; bridge tolls; and parking fees.

History: 1979 AC.