

Section E: Support Services

EEBA Use of Multifunction School Activity Buses

The Board recognizes that that the school buses used to transport students to school and to their designated bus stops at the end of the school day may not be the most efficient means of transporting students on field trips, to off-campus athletic events or other extracurricular activities, or when other school-sponsored travel involves small numbers of students.

The Board approves the use of multifunction school activity buses (“MFSABs” or “activity buses”) to serve these purposes.

A multifunction school activity bus is defined as a noncommercial motor vehicle that:

- Is designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers including the driver;
- Meets all of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571 that are applicable to multifunction school activity buses; and
- Meets the standards of 29-A MRSA§2301, as applicable to multifunction school activity buses.

Under federal regulations, multifunction school activity buses may not transport students between home and school.

In order to drive an activity bus as an employee of Region 8, a person must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Have held a driver’s license for at least two years (no CDL or school bus driver endorsement necessary);
- Have a “clean” driving record prior to transporting students, as determined by the Director/designee after review of registry of motor vehicles records;
- Have been trained on bus evacuation procedures and drills;
- Have been provided vehicle-specific operational and safety inspection training, including supervised driver training in a controlled setting.

The Maintenance Director will be responsible for ensuring that regular preventive maintenance and pre-trip inspections of activity buses are performed, in addition to appropriate record-keeping and employee driver training.

Legal Reference: 29-A MRSA §§ 2301(1-C), 2302, 2310(2); 49 CFR § 571.3

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