Student Transportation Guidelines

(Must be 21 years old or older to transport students.)

There is no longer a requirement to have a vehicle approved based on wheelbase size. However, there is still some other criteria that must be adhered to which are denoted with the **.

These guidelines are applicable for all school sponsored events and trips.

	Employees,
	Parents, and
Vehicle Type	Volunteers
Passenger Cars (not to exceed 8 students)	Yes
Crossovers, MPVs (Multi-Purpose Vehicles) including	**Yes
Minivans and SUVs, and Trucks (no passengers in open bed)	
** Must be rated with a P or MPV denoting passenger rating.	
Check door jamb, owner's manual or manufacturer website.	
Vehicles having seating for more than 10 persons (including	No
driver)	
Full Size Vans (seating for 10 or more) / Conversion Vans	No
Convertibles / Open Jeeps	No
Motorcycles, Trailers, and RVs	No

NOTE: In any vehicle (other than buses), all students must be in a designated seating position with seatbelts properly fastened.

VOLUNTEERS: Please be aware that volunteers <u>cannot</u> drive school board vehicles for any purpose.

BUSES: Charter Bus usage is acceptable, if the company and driver are approved. For other buses such as private, church buses, etc., contact the Risk Manager 352-793-2315.

Guidelines for determining vehicle type and approval:

Vehicles built on a large chassis without a "P" or "MPV" designation are not approved. Look inside the door jamb and on the sticker with the serial number it should say Passenger or MPV. If it says Passenger or MPV it is approved. You may also check the owner's manual, manufacturer's website under specifications, or call dealerships to confirm this information.

Sources: Florida Statute 1006.22 (www.leg.state.fl.us)