

Alcohol and smoking

- 4.12 Alcoholic beverages must not be transported in a school vehicle or a student activity vehicle at any time and should not be transported in a private vehicle at the same time as students are being conveyed (Policy 703 – Positive Learning Environment).
- 4.13 Smoking is not permitted in a school vehicle or a student activity vehicle at any time and no person should smoke in a private vehicle at the same time as students are being conveyed (Policy 702 – Tobacco-Free Schools).
- 4.14 A driver of any vehicle conveying students to or from an off-site school-related activity should not be under the influence of any drugs or medication that may impair his/her ability, or under the influence of any level of alcohol.

Out-of-Province Traveling

- 4.15 If students are to be conveyed to a school-related activity being held out-of-province, organizers should ensure that all insurance and registration requirements relating to the vehicle are in order. It is recommended that organizers check periodically with the motor vehicle office to determine if any requirements or limitations for out-of-province travel have changed. The school district Transportation Officer and Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation Branch of the Department of Education may also be able to provide assistance.

Maintenance and Operation

- 4.16 No vehicle should be used to tow a trailer at the same time as it is being used to transport students to an off-site school-related activity.
- 4.17 It is recommended that the driver or at least one of the passengers of a rented, private or student activity vehicle being used to convey students to an off-site school-related activity have a cell phone.
- 4.18 Drivers should ensure safe storage of equipment (e.g., sports equipment, music instruments, and suitcases) in or on a vehicle being used to transport students. Emergency exits should be clear of obstacles and the vehicle should not be overloaded.
- 4.19 Groups traveling out of town should be prepared to stay overnight if weather or road conditions present a hazard.
- 4.20 A driver is expected to follow speed limits and rules of the road and to show respect for other motorists

5.0 REFERENCES

The Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation Branch website contains additional information and reference material:

<http://www.gnb.ca/0000/transport-e.asp>