

## SCHOOL BUSES

### I. Use of Buses

The School Board permits the use of school buses for purposes other than transporting children to and from school for the regular school hours ~~is permitted~~ with prior approval of the Superintendent/Designee and in accordance with regulations pertaining to extracurricular activities, athletics, and field trips. ~~No school bus may be used for personal purposes~~ outside of the approved exceptions in the Transportation Operations Manual.

The School Board may enter into agreements with its appropriating body, or any state agency or any federal agency established or identified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3001 *et seq.* providing for the use of the school buses of the Division by such body or agency for public purposes, including transportation for the elderly. ~~Each such agreement shall provide for reimbursing the School Board in full for the proportionate share of any and all costs, both fixed and variable, of such buses incurred by the School Board for attributable to the use of such buses, pursuant to such agreement.~~ The appropriating body, or state or federal agency, shall indemnify and hold harmless the School Board from any and all liability ~~that of~~ the School Board may incur arising out by virtue of of the use of such buses. ~~pursuant to an agreement.~~

### II. Custody of Buses

School bus drivers may be granted permission to park buses at their homes when the Superintendent/Designee determines such action to be feasible, economical, or practical.

### III. Replacement Schedule

A replacement schedule for all buses shall be established to ~~assure the Board provide for replacement of that~~ any bus that meets one of the following criteria: considered unsafe or which has reached its expected useful life, will be required to meet at least one of the following criteria before being replaced: (1) ~~is~~ be at least 13 years of age; (2) ~~has~~ ve accumulated 100,000 miles; and/or (3) ~~regardless of the age of the bus, is~~ be in need of a one time repair considered unjustified in terms of expected useful life after the repair, ~~regardless of age.~~ Buses retired under this program may be ~~disposed of by auction~~ ed or ~~sold~~ ate with the approval of the School Board.

### IV. Transportation Expenses

Transportation expenses for field and athletic trips and other supplemental transportation services will be billed to schools and shall be reimbursed to the Transportation Department. For more information about field trips, refer to policy IICA, Field Trips. Expenses for summer school buses and extracurricular activity buses operated outside of the approved school calendar shall also be reimbursed to the Transportation Department.

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| Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§22.1-176; 22.1-182.

| Cross Ref.: IICA, *Field Trips and Excursions*