

## 5201 TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

### Transportation of Students To and From Related School Activities in Private Vehicles

The Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education recognizes that students may be denied the opportunity to participate in school-related activities because of the unavailability of public transportation or because of the excessive cost of transporting students at public expense.

Therefore, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education authorizes school personnel and or parents to use private vehicles with a capacity for eight or less individuals for transportation to school-related activities under the following conditions:

1. The trip/activity is a school sponsored and organized function.
2. The activity shall be judged on the same criteria as other field trips, educational or athletic activities.
3. The students can be efficiently and safely transported in a private vehicle.
4. The owner/operator of the vehicle shall be properly licensed and have liability insurance coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Liability insurance limits should be equal to or exceed minimum requirements mandated by the State of New Jersey.
5. The personal automobile insurance policy of the driver, in the event of an accident, will serve as the primary insurance. School insurance will be excess coverage over the primary driver's policy.
6. The private vehicle must have a valid New Jersey inspection sticker.
7. Staff members can only drive students provided there is another adult in the car and the written consent of the parent(s) has been obtained. All trips will leave from and return to school and must have written approval from the school administration.
8. This policy does not apply to privately arranged, unapproved transportation of students, including family and/or friends of the driver.



# POLICY

**STATUTES:**

**N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1**

**REGULATIONS:**

**N.J.A.C. 6a:27-1.5**

**N.J.A.C. 6a:27-7.6**

