

USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Purpose

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional School Board recognizes that school buses are public assets and, when not used for their primary use, may be used in a manner that supports community needs and maximizes the efficient use of public resources. This policy establishes guidelines for such use consistent with the law and fiscal principles.

Student Transportation

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School buses are primarily used for the transportation of students to and from specialty programs, and for school-sponsored activities.

Extracurricular Activities

School buses may be used for other purposes when not needed for student transportation purposes with approval of the executive director or executive director's designee in accordance with school regulations pertaining to such use. When student transportation is provided for field trips and other programs, the Regional School Board may accept contributions for such transportation.

Authorized Agreements

The Regional School Board may enter into agreements with nonpublic schools to provide student transportation for school field trips in accordance with school regulations.

The Regional School Board may also enter into agreements with the following entities, as described in Va. Code § 22.1-182:

- a third-party logistics company;
- the governing body of a county, city, or town within participating school divisions;
- any state agency; **and**
- any federal agency identified in statute.

Such use must be for a public purpose or other community use and is subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- Third-party logistics companies cannot use the school buses to provide transportation of passengers for compensation or for residential delivery of products for compensation;
- Each agreement must provide for reimbursing the Regional School Board in full for the proportionate share of all costs, both fixed and variable, incurred by the Regional School Board attributable to the use of such buses pursuant to the agreement;
- Each agreement must require the third-party logistics company, appropriating body, or agency to supply insurance on the school bus that meets the minimum requirements in Va. Code § 22.1-190, or, in the case of a governing body, the agreement must require the governing body to reimburse the Regional School Board for the proportionate share of

any insurance costs, both fixed and variable, incurred from the use of the school buses per the agreement; **and**

- The third-party logistics company, appropriating body, or state or federal agency, shall indemnify and hold harmless the Regional School Board from any and all liability of by virtue of use of such buses pursuant to an agreement.

Adopted:

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-176, 22.1-176.1, 22.1-182, 22.1-190.

Cross Ref.:

Pol 4002	School Bus Safety Program
Pol 4006	Field Trips