

710.1 USE OF BUSES FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

The district shall furnish bus transportation for school sponsored activities.

- A. The activities director and principals are authorized to use buses to provide transportation for participation to inter-school athletic contests, extra-curricular contests or activities of a non-athletic nature, and field trips, provided participation is approved by the superintendent or his/her designee.
- B. The activities director and high school principal are authorized to use buses to provide transportation for student spectators to out-of-town athletic contest.
- C. Charter buses may be used for school-sponsored activities if the total mileage for the trip is 300 or more miles. A minimum of 30 student/athletes will be participating in a scheduled school activity in order to use charter bus services. The district will pay the cost of the number of events as set by the Activities Director. A reasonable charge may be made to each student rider to help defray expenses of bus operation for extra-curricular events. Fundraising monies from groups/teams requesting charter bus services may be used to help defray costs. The activities director and principals have the right to deny requests for charter bus services by groups/teams. Payment for the charter bus is as follows:
 - 1. Regular season, non-tournament activity – cost(s) will be covered entirely by the group/team requesting the charter bus.
 - 2. Section Tournament Play – cost(s) will be covered by ISD 593 Transportation Service based on the per mileage charge and the group/team will pay the costs over and above what the Transportation Service covers.
 - 3. State Tournament Play – cost(s) will be covered by the school district (school district will be reimbursed from the MSHSL for some of the State Tournament Transportation Costs)

Where transportation is provided to such events as are listed under A, B and C above, participating pupils shall travel by the means provided or arranged by the school. For large groups such as athletic teams or music groups, buses are usually provided and

pupils will be required to travel by bus. Exceptions for good cause or in instances of absolute necessity may be made in traveling to events only by special arrangement by a parent with the principal and/or activities director. Individual coaches/supervisors may not grant exceptions. Participating pupils may return from events with their parent provided the parent makes a written or personal request to the coach/supervisor in charge of the event.

Requests for use of school buses not limited above shall be referred to the District Office.