

3.3.3 The driver must be competent to drive. The applicant's driving record will be reviewed by examining a Driver's Abstract which may be obtained by:

- a) The driver requesting a driver's abstract on the ICBC website; or
- b) The driver visiting any ICBC driver licensing office and obtaining the abstract on an over-the-counter basis at no charge.

The Driver's Abstract must include the last 5 years of driving history.

Generally, two or more traffic violations or an accident involving personal injury or damage to the property of others over \$5,000 in the year preceding the date of issue of the driver's abstract, would disallow approval.

3.3.4 Use of Learner ("L") drivers and Novice ("N") drivers under 19 years of age as volunteer drivers is strictly prohibited. Drivers with Learner ("L") drivers' licenses and drivers under 19 years of age with Novice ("N") drivers' licenses are strictly prohibited from transporting students during school sponsored activities. Students who hold a Novice ("N") drivers' license may drive themselves to/from school sponsored activities if approval from their parent/guardian is received in writing by the school.

3.3.5 Use of Novice ("N") drivers over 19 years of age to transport students is not precluded, but is discouraged, as there are legal restrictions on their ability to transport passengers, and they are less experienced drivers. Parents of students being transported by Novice ("N") drivers must be made aware of this when consenting to the participation of their child in the field trip.

Some of the legal restrictions for Novice ("N") drivers are as follows:

- a) "N" sign must be displayed at the back of the car;
 - b) zero blood alcohol content; and
 - c) limit of one (1) passenger. *
- * To transport additional passengers, a supervisor aged 25 or older with a valid driver's license (class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) must accompany the driver. (Note: The restriction of one (1) passenger does not apply if the additional passengers are immediate family members of the driver.)

3.3.6 Volunteer suitability should be considered with the factors enunciated in Policy 10310 - Volunteers and its procedures being a reference.

3.3.7 Vehicle fitness is to be certified by the driver. If something indicates a vehicle may not be roadworthy, it must not be utilized.

3.3.8 Vehicle licensing must be in British Columbia.

3.3.9 A vehicle defined as a bus (seating capacity of 10 or more) must hav(t)-3(i)-4(fi)-14(e)6(d)-3(by)-

7.2 Volunteer drivers are responsible for ensuring that the vehicle they use for student transportation is properly equipped with seat belts for each occupant and that seat belts are secured when traveling.

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