

Illinois State Board of Education
Division of Funding and Disbursement Services
Vehicles Used by School Districts to Transport Students

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Vehicle	Vehicle Abbr./Man. Label	Vehicle Description (example)	Passengers	Uses	Driver Requirements	Reimbursable miles
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White school bus	11-15	Non-curriculum only	Valid driver's license	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White school bus	15+	Non-curriculum only	CDL license with passenger endorsement	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White school bus	11-15 or 15+	Curriculum related events for grades 9-12 only (Home to school and school to home prohibited)	School bus driver permit	Yes
School Bus		Yellow school bus		Curriculum related & non-curriculum trips	School bus driver permit	Yes, if curriculum related
Car	Passenger Vehicle	Taxi cab, district-owned car		Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit (restricted)	Yes, if curriculum related
Car	Passenger Vehicle	Taxi cab, district-owned car		Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No
Van	MPPV MPV	Passenger vehicle or multi-passenger vehicle	10 or less includes driver	Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit (restricted)	Yes
Van	MPPV MPV	Passenger vehicle or multi-passenger vehicle	10 or less includes driver	Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No
Passenger Cargo Vans	Bus, other than school bus		11-15	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED

The Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB) can be used for curriculum related events for grades 9-12 or a student in any grade K through 12 with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with a staff to student ratio of 1 to 5 ONLY at the following organizations: Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands Center, Connections Organization or New Horizon Academy. (Home to school and school to home transportation is prohibited)

Curriculum related trips include to and from school, from one school to another, or for a curriculum-related event or field trip. If attendance at the event is a requirement for a class, the trip is curriculum related.

School districts can claim depreciation for the White Activity Bus or Multifunction School-activity bus (MFSAB, manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 or more passengers [625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5]) starting July 1, 2010. Districts can depreciate the entire cost of the bus over a five year period (20% per year) on the Pupil Transportation Claim Reimbursement System (PTCRS).

Restricted school bus driver permit does not include a CDL.