

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

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Vehicle Type	Vehicle Certification Label	Vehicle Description (example)	Manufactured Passenger Capacity Includes Driver	Uses	Driver Requirements	IDOT Safety Lane Inspection	Reimbursable Miles
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	11-15	Non-curriculum only	Valid driver's license	Yes	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	16+	Non-curriculum only	CDL license with passenger endorsement	Yes	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	11-15 or 16+	Curriculum related events for grades 9-12 only (HOME TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL TO HOME PROHIBITED)	- School bus driver permit (11-15 passengers) - School bus driver permit & CDL license with passenger endorsement (16+ passengers)	Yes	Yes
School Bus	SCHOOL BUS	Yellow School Bus	any	Curriculum related & non-curriculum trips	- School bus driver permit (11-15 passengers) - School bus driver permit & CDL license with passenger endorsement (16+ passengers)	Yes	Yes, if curriculum related
Passenger Car	PASSENGER CAR	Taxi Cab, District-Owned Car		Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit (restricted*)	Yes	Yes, if curriculum related
Passenger Car	PASSENGER CAR	Taxi Cab, District-Owned Car		Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No	No
Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicle	MPPV or MPV	Passenger Van or Multi-Passenger Vehicle	10 or less	Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit (restricted*)	Yes	Yes
Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicle	MPPV or MPV	Passenger Van or Multi-Passenger Vehicle	10 or less	Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No	No
Cargo Vans / Buses / Shuttle Buses / Motor Coaches	BUS, OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUS OR NOT SCHOOL BUS	Cargo Vans / Buses / Shuttle Buses / Motor Coaches	11+	VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED	VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED	VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED	VEHICLE 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, Soaring Eagle Academy or New Horizon Academy. (Home to school and school to home transportation is prohibited) (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1)

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 Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB, manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 or more passengers [625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5]) 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.