



Parental transportation of school students with respect to OAC 3301-83-19

Chapter 3301-83 of the administrative code contains operation and safety rules regulating pupil transportation with respect to school and school activities. These rules are both safety-related and administrative in nature.

This paper is issued with regard to rule 3301-83-19, which addresses the vehicles that are authorized for the transportation of pupils. In some cases, this rule has been misinterpreted and the scope incorrectly expanded. Specifically, this has been the case with respect to parental transportation to and from school related events.

The following statements are provided to clarify the issues regarding parental transportation of students with respect to the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules (specifically Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-19).

1. The administrative code referenced above does not regulate parental transportation of pupils.
2. Administrative code pertaining to pupil transportation rules and regulations does not pertain to transportation being provided that is unrelated to school sessions or school functions, such as community events that are not related to or directed by schools.
3. Vehicles operated by private individuals, who provide transportation for compensation for the transportation of children of non-family members to or from a school session or a school function, are not considered to fit the definition of volunteer parental transportation and must be operated in compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to pupil transportation. These individuals are subject to the operating rules for pupil transportation, and all rules and regulations for pupil transportation providers.

School districts and other agencies may adopt and enforce their own regulations that establish local guidelines that are more restrictive than state regulations. A number of schools in Ohio have done so in the interest of maximizing the safety of students being transported.

Questions regarding local school policies and their implementation should be referred to the governing authority at those agencies.

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