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## **Board of Education High Point Regional**

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## SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with State law and regulations, the Board of Education will permit the school buses owned by this district to be used by senior citizens groups.

"Senior citizen" for purposes of this policy shall mean those residents of this district who are 60 years of age or older. "Group" shall mean ten or more persons including senior citizens and their spouses. Said travel shall be restricted to a destination within the regional district or any school district which shares in some part a common boundary with the total regional district, namely High Point Regional High School District.

Use of district buses by senior citizen groups may not interfere with the normal transportation of district pupils, therefore, bus use shall be limited to:

- a. the hours of 9  $\rm A.M.$  to 1  $\rm P.M.$  when schools are in session
- b. after regular school hours only
- c. weekends
- d. subject to availability of drivers.

Service will not be available to senior citizen groups on holidays or for political activities. The district cannot guarantee any such service since alterations in school closing times, emergency changes in schedule and the like must take priority.

Buses must be operated by a person holding a valid New Jersey bus driver's license and who is employed by this district or who is approved by this Board.

The cost of senior citizen bus use shall be reimbursed to the Board in the amount of 100% of the actual cost including:

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- a. fuel and oil
- b. driver salary at the current established rate. NOTE: Same rate as paid to our drivers for extra trips may vary each year.

Insurance coverage for senior citizen use of district buses will be provided through special insurance to be procured by the user.

Requests for senior citizen use of buses shall be made at least three weeks prior to the planned trip. All requests for transportation shall be coordinated with the Counting Office on Aging and County Superintendent of Schools to avoid duplication of services.

Final approval for senior citizen use of district buses shall be the responsibilith of the Board of Education.

The following regulations shall be observed by all using groups:

- a. Out of service signs shall be displayed
- b. School bus warning lights shall not be used
- c. Buses shall be loaded and unloaded off the public roadway
- d. Passengers will not be allowed to stand
- e. All trips must be logged in specified district records.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6:3-4.1 N.J.A.C.6A:27-7.8 et seq.

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