

## **13.0 PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL BUSES**

13.1 Transportation equipment purchased for and by the School District shall be used primarily for school purposes. School transportation services may be made available for use by appropriate community groups. Such transportation shall not infringe upon or impair use of the transportation for School District purposes. When permitted by law and determined by the Superintendent of Schools or designee to be appropriate, costs involved may be assessed against users.

13.2 The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall determine the hours and days when School District transportation equipment is available for use by non-school community groups. Non-school use shall not interfere with:

13.2.1 Transportation to and from school.

13.2.2 Transportation between schools.

13.2.3 Transportation for school activities and functions.

13.2.4 Transportation necessitated or anticipated for school emergencies.

13.2.5 Time required for equipment maintenance and service.

13.2.6 Time necessarily involved to provide standby equipment for school purposes.

13.3 The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall be responsible for approving and scheduling the use of School District transportation equipment by community groups. In approving and scheduling such use, the Superintendent of Schools or designee shall apply the following criteria:

13.3.1 No use shall be approved which involves travel over roads or distances which are unduly wearing or damaging to the equipment.

13.3.2 No use shall be approved if the fuel consumption involved adversely affects the fuel availability for the School District purposes.

13.3.3 Any approval of use shall be subject to cancellation in the event of adverse road, weather, or other conditions which could reasonably present a danger to passengers, drivers or equipment, or in the event of unexpected or emergency school needs.

13.3.4 Use shall not be approved until a leader of the group is identified as the responsible party.

13.3.5 Use shall not be approved unless there is assurance of adequate insurance coverage and provision of properly qualified drivers.