

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 ONLY (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.