

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
DISTRICT SAFETY OFFICE**

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: July 17, 2017

TO: All Principals/Program Administrators
FROM: Glen A. Lathers, District Safety Manager
SUBJECT: Transportation for School Related Functions (Updated List)

Florida Statutes regulate the type of vehicles that may be used to transport students for school related functions, such as field trips and athletic events.

- **No Pick-up trucks of any type**
- **No Conversion Vans of any type**
- **No Compact Recreation Vehicles (CRV)**

Parents, teachers, coaches and other volunteers may use the following vehicles to transport students:

- **ALL PASSENGER CARS (except convertibles) ARE APPROVED.**

Approved Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles (MPV's), listed below

Must meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Passenger Car Standards and be on the Florida Department of Education's TSA #T-00-4.

If you have a question regarding your vehicle, please call the District Safety Office at 872- 5263.

The Approved MPV's are:

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	YEAR	NOTES
Acura	Acura MDX	2014 ONLY	
Audi	Audi Q7		
Chrysler Corporation	Plymouth Voyager & Grand Voyager Chrysler Town & Country Chrysler Aspen Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan Dodge Durango Dodge Journey Pacifica	1994-Current 1994-Current 1994-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current	Except cargo van model: Caravan C/V

Ford Motor Company	Freestar Windstar Mercury Villager Mercury Monterey Mercury Mountaineer Explorer Expedition Lincoln Navigator Lincoln Aviator Lincoln MKX Excursion Freestyle Ford Flex Edge	1995-Current 1993-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1997-Current 1997-Current 1998-Current 2010 1998-Current 1998-Current	Econoline 150 and 250 Only models certified as MPV and designed to transport 10 or fewer passengers and not certified as school bus or bus
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General Motors Corp.	Chevrolet Venture Chevrolet Suburban Chevrolet Tahoe Chevrolet Trailblazer/EXT Chevrolet Traverse Chevrolet Equinox (LS, LT, LTZ, Sport) Chevrolet Uplander (LS, LT, LT Entertainer)	1997-Current 2004-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current	No passengers in front seat No passengers in front seat No passengers in front seat
General Motors Corp.	Chevrolet Venture Pontiac Trans Sport Pontiac Torrent Pontiac Trans Sport/ Montana Oldsmobile Silhouette GMC Acadia GMC Terrain GMC Yukon SLE & SLT only GMC Yukon Denali/Denali XL GMC Envoy SLE, SLT, XL & XUV Cadillac Escalade Cadillac SRX Cadillac ESV Savanna Safari Astro Buick Ranier CXL Buick Rendezvous Buick Terraza Buick Enclave (CS & CXL)	1997-Current 1997-Current 1997-Current 1997-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 2003-Current 2003-Current 2003-Current	No passengers in front seat
Honda	Odyssey Pilot	1999-Current 2016-Only	
Infinity	Infinity Qx60	2014 Only	
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	2011-Current	
Nissan	Quest Armada Murano Pathfinder	1992-Current 1992-Current	
Toyota	Previa Sienna Sequoia Land Cruiser	1992-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current 1998-Current	
Volvo	XC90 XC70	2003-Current 2003-Current	
Hummer	H1, H2, H2 SUT, H3	2003-Current	Student to Seatbelt Ratio Only
BMW	X5	2003-Current	

Infiniti	FX35, FX45, QX56, JX35	2003-Current	
Isuzu	Ascender		
Kia	Sedona Borrego	2003-Current 2009-Current	
Lexus	LX470	1998-Current	
Mazda	MPV CK9 CX9	2003-Current	
Mercedes	G500 GL450 GL550 ML320 ML350 R320 & R320 CDI R350	2003-Current	
Porsche	Cayenne		

Saab	97SUV		
Saturn	Relay Outlook	2003-Current	
Suzuki	XL7	2003-Current	
Volkswagen	Touareg		

Please note that the Econline 150 and 250 MPV's may be leased or rented by Schools for various activities such as small team transport etc. Please ensure that no rental or leases occur for vans other than those on the approved list. Also, note that School Buses meeting all federal and state safety standards and specifications remain the safest mode of surface transportation for students.

Note: The U.S. government safety agency recommends that children ride in the back seat to age 13.

Prohibited Sport Utility Vehicles

(w/wheelbase of ≥ 110 " , required to have rollover warning label)

Source: Current Consumer Report

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MAY TRANSPORT THEIR OWN STUDENT IN ANY VEHICLE. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRANSPORT OTHER STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIPS.

<p> Acura MDX – 2013 or older Cadillac EXT Chevrolet Blazer (2-door and 4-door) Chevrolet HHR Chevrolet Tracker Dodge Nitro Ford Escape GMC Jimmy (2-door and 4-door) Honda CRV Honda Element Honda Passport Honda Pilot Hyundai Santa Fe Hyundai Tucson Infiniti QX4 Isuzu Amigo Isuzu Axiom Isuzu Rodeo Isuzu Trooper Isuzu VehiCross Jeep Compass Jeep Commander Jeep Cherokee Jeep Grand Cherokee- 2010 or Older Jeep Liberty Jeep Patriot Jeep Wrangler Kia Sorento Kia Sportage Kia Rondo Land Rover Discovery Nissan JUKE Nissan Xterra </p>	<p> Volkswagon Tiguan Land Rover Freelander Land Rover Range Rover Lexus GX 470 Lexus RX 300, RX 330, RX350 Mitsubishi Montero/Sport Mitsubishi Outlander Nissan Rogue Nissan NV3200 Nissan Xterra Oldsmobile Bravada Pontiac Aztek Saab 95SUV Saturn Vue Subaru Tribeca Subaru Forester Suzuki Vitara/Grand Toyota 4Runner Toyota FJ Cruiser Toyota Highlander Toyota MR2 (convertible) Toyota RAV4 Mazda CX7 Mazda Tribute Mazda 5 Volkswagen Eurovan Dodge Sprinter Suzuki SX4 Mercury Mariner Kia Soul Toyota Venza Dodge Caliber Subaru XB Crosstrack Subaru Outback </p>
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Note: This list is intended as a guide to identify Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles (MPVs) that are not statutorily permitted to be owned or operated by school districts or charter schools for student transportation (Section 234.02, 2000 Florida Statutes, available at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm>). The list above has not been verified as accurate or all-inclusive and may not apply to other year models of these or other vehicles.