

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

**2014-2015**

**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**Date: September 2, 2014**

**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 <b>not certified as school bus or bus</b>

General Motors Corp.	Chevrolet Venture Chevrolet Suburban Chevrolet Tahoe Chevrolet Trailblazer/EXT <b>Chevrolet Traverse</b>	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 Equinox (LS, LT, LTZ, Sport) Chevrolet Uplander (LS, LT, LT Entertainer) Chevrolet Venture Pontiac Trans Sport Pontiac Torrent Pontiac Trans Sport/ Montana Oldsmobile Silhouette <b>GMC Acadia</b> <b>GMC Terrain</b> GMC Yukon SLE & SLT only GMC Yukon Denali/Denali XL <b>GMC Envoy SLE, SLT, XL &amp; XUV</b> 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	1999-Current	
Infiniti	<b>Infiniti Qx60</b>	<b>2014 Only</b>	
Jeep	<b>Grand Cherokee</b>	<b>2011 Only</b>	
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, <b>JX35</b>	2003-Current	
Isuzu	Ascender		
Kia	Sedona <b>Borrego</b>	2003-Current 2009-Current	
Lexus	LX470	1998-Current	
Mazda	MPV <b>CK9</b> <b>CX9</b>	2003-Current	
Mercedes	G500 GL450 <b>GL550</b> <b>ML320</b> ML350 R320 & R320 CDI <b>R350</b>	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  $\leq 110$ ", 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/Grand  Jeep Liberty  Jeep Patriot  Jeep Wrangler  Kia Sorento  Kia Sportage  Kia Rondo  Land Rover Discovery  Nissan JUKE  Nissan Xterra  Volkswagon Tiguan</p>	<p>Land Rover Freelander  Land Rover Range Rover  Lexus GX 470  Lexus RX 300, RX 330, <b>RX350</b>  Mitsubishi Montero/Sport  Mitsubishi Outlander  Nissan Rogue  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.**