

Illinois State Board of Education
Division of Funding and Disbursement Services
Vehicles Used by School Districts to Transport Students

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Vehicle Type	Vehicle Certification Label	Vehicle Description (example)	Manufactured Passenger Capacity - Includes Driver	Uses	Driver Requirements	IDOT Safety Lane Inspection	Reimbursable Miles
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	11-15	Non-curriculum only	Valid driver's license	Yes	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	16+	Non-curriculum only	CDL license with passenger endorsement	Yes	No
Multifunction School Activity Bus	MFSAB	White Activity Bus (common name)	11-15 or 16+	Curriculum related events for grades 9-12 only (HOME TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL TO HOME PROHIBITED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bus driver permit (11-15 passengers) School bus driver permit & CDL license with passenger endorsement (16+ passengers) 	Yes	Yes
School Bus	SCHOOL BUS	Yellow School Bus	Any	Curriculum related & non-curriculum trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bus driver permit (11-15 passengers) School bus driver permit & CDL license with passenger endorsement (16+ passengers) 	Yes	Yes, if curriculum related
Passenger Car	PASSENGER CAR	Taxicab / Sedan / District-Owned Car		Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit or *First division school bus permit	Yes	Yes
Passenger Car	PASSENGER CAR	Taxicab / Sedan / District-Owned Car		Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No	No
Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicle	MPPV or MPV	Passenger Mini Van / Multi-Passenger Vehicle / SUV	10 or less	Curriculum related trips	School bus driver permit or *First division school bus permit	Yes	Yes
Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicle	MPPV or MPV	Passenger Mini Van / Multi-Passenger Vehicle / SUV	10 or less	Non-curriculum trips	Valid driver's license	No	No
Cargo Vans / 11-15 Passenger Vans / Buses / Shuttle Buses / Motor Coaches / Incomplete Vehicles	BUS-OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUS / BUS-NOT SCHOOL BUS / INCOMPLETE VEHICLES	Cargo Vans / 11-15 Passenger Vans / Buses / Shuttle Buses / Motor Coaches / Incomplete Vehicles	11+	<u>VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED</u>	<u>VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED</u>	<u>VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED</u>	<u>VEHICLE NOT ALLOWED</u>

The Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB) can be used for curriculum related events for grades 9-12 or a student in any grade K through 12 with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with a staff to student ratio of 1 to 5 ONLY at the following organizations: Acacia Academy, Alexander Leigh, Marklund, Helping Hands Center, Connections Organization, Soaring Eagle Academy or New Horizon Academy. (Home to school and school to home transportation is prohibited) (625 ILCS 5/11-1414.1)

- 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 Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB, manufactured for the purpose of transporting 11 or more passengers [625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5]) 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).

*First division school bus permit does not include a CDL