



VALOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY POLICY

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to state VCSI transportation safety policy and to outline certain guidelines for transporting people, who are involved in a school-sponsored activity, in either private vehicles or school-owned vehicles. While this policy is intended to provide guidelines, it is important to emphasize that no policy can anticipate every possible situation, so each driver must use their own judgment to ensure the safety of vehicle occupants participating in a school-sponsored event.

Drivers should review these guidelines on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the leader of the particular school-sponsored event to ensure that each driver knows and agrees to be guided by this policy before driving a vehicle to or from a school-sponsored event. From time-to-time, the school may offer a formal safety-training program that includes a review of this policy.

II. Definition:

A school-sponsored event is an event that has school endorsement and leadership. Such leadership may either be a volunteer or school employee. Transportation to and from a school-sponsored event is only the school's responsibility when a school leader, whether a volunteer or a staff member, can reasonably be assumed to have "control" of the situation. For example, a "bowling night" may be a school-sponsored event, but the school is ONLY responsible for transportation when a volunteer or a staff member has control of any vehicle transporting the participants. If the participants transport themselves to the event in their own personal vehicles, the school is NOT responsible for transportation.

III. Guidelines for the Use of Private Vehicles:

Drivers who use private vehicles for school-sponsored events when transportation is provided as part of that event must be:

- Be at least 21 years of age and have a current Oregon Driver's License – or – be at least 21 and have a current Oregon Commercial Driver License
- Have evidence of liability insurance on the vehicle with levels of at least Oregon's mandatory insurance law: Bodily injury and property damage liability - \$100,000 per person; \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury to others; and \$100,000 per accident for damage to the property of others.
- Personal Injury Protection - \$15,000 per person for reasonable and necessary expenses one year after an accident, for medical, dental, and other services needed due to the accident.
- Uninsured motorist coverage - \$100,000 per person; \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury; and \$20,000 per accident for damage to the property of others.

Owners of private vehicles used for school-sponsored events should know that "liability follows the vehicle."

All accidents that occur while a private vehicle is used for a school-sponsored event should be reported to the Head of School.