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**OPERATIONS DIVISION
SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT
APPROVED VEHICLES LIST**

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: August 15, 2019

TO: All Principals/Program Administrators
FROM: Corries Culpepper, Director of Safety and Risk Management
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 Safety and Risk Management Office at 840 - 7324.

The Approved MPV's are:

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	YEAR	NOTES
Acura	Acura MDX	2014-2018	
Audi	Audi Q7	2006-2018	
BMW	X5	2003-2019	
Chrysler Corporation	Chrysler Aspen	2006-2009	
	Chrysler Town & Country	1990-2016	
	Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan	1987-2019	Except cargo van model: Caravan C/V
	Dodge Durango	1999-2019	
	Dodge Journey	2009-2019	
	Pacifica	2004-2019	
	Plymouth Voyager & Grand Voyager	1987-2003	
Ford Motor Company	Edge	2008-2019	
	Excursion	1998-2005	
	Expedition	1997-2018	Econoline 150 and 250
	Explorer	1998-2018	
	Ford Flex	2009-2019	
	Freestar	1995-2006	Only models certified as MPV and designed to transport 10 or fewer passengers and not certified as school bus or bus
	Freestyle	2005-2009	
	Mercury Monterey	2004-2006	
	Mercury Mountaineer	1998-2010	
	Mercury Villager	1993-2002	
	Lincoln Aviator	1998-2005	
	Lincoln MKX	2006-2018	
	Lincoln Navigator	1997-2018	
	Windstar	1995-2003	
General Motors Corp.	Astro	1985-2005	
	Buick Enclave	2008-2019	
	Buick Rainier CXL	2003-2007	
	Buick Rendezvous	2002-2007	
	Buick Terraza	2005-2007	
	Cadillac Escalade	1999-2019	skipped 2001
	Cadillac ESV	2002-2019	
	Cadillac SRX	2004-2016	
	Chevrolet Equinox	2005-2019	
	Chevrolet Suburban	1991-2019	
	Chevrolet Tahoe	1995-2019	
	Chevrolet Trailblazer/EXT	2000-2009	
	Chevrolet Traverse	2008-2019	
	Chevrolet Uplander (LS, LT, LT Entertainer)	1997-2008	
	Chevrolet Venture	1997-2005	
	GMC Acadia	1998-2019	
	GMC Envoy SLE, SLT, XL & XUV	1998-2009	
	GMC Terrain	2010-2019	
	GMC Yukon Denali/Denali XL	1998-2019	
	GMC Yukon SLE & SLT only	1998-2019	
	Oldsmobile Silhouette	1997-1994	
	Pontiac Torrent	1997-2009	
	Pontiac Trans Sport	1997-1999	
	Pontiac Trans Sport/ Montana	1997-2006	
	Safari	1985-2005	
	Savana	1996-2019	

Honda	Odyssey	1997-2019
Hummer	H1	1992-2006
	H2, SUT	2003-2010
	H3	2006-2010
Infiniti	FX35,	2003-2012
	FX45,	2003-2008
	QX50,	2013-2019
	QX56,	2004-2013
	QX60, QX70, QX80	2014-2019
Isuzu	Ascender	2006-2008
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	2011-2020
Kia	Sedona	2003-2019
	Borrego	2009-2010
Lexus	LX470	1998-2019
Mazda	MPV	1999-2016
	CX9	2007-2019
Mercedes	G500	2003-2019
	GL450	2006 -2019
	GL550	2006-2019
Nissan	Armada	1992-2019
	Murano	2002-2019
	Pathfinder	2005-2019
	Quest	1992-2019
Porsche	Cayenne	2002-2019
Saab	97SUV	2004-2009
Saturn	Relay	2005-2008
	Outlook	2003-2010
Suzuki	XL7	1999-2009
Toyota	Previa	1992-2019
	Sienna	1998-2019
	Sequoia	1998-2019
	Land Cruiser	1998-2019
Volkswagen	Touareg	2002-2017
Volvo	XC90	2003-2020
	XC70	2003-2016

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.**

Acura MDX – 2013 or older	Land Rover Freelander
Cadillac EXT	Land Rover Range Rover
Chevrolet Blazer (2-door and 4-door)	Lexus GX 470
Chevrolet HHR	Lexus RX 300, RX 330, RX350
Chevrolet Tracker	Mazda CX7
Dodge Caliber	Mazda Tribute
Dodge Nitro	Mazda 5
Dodge Sprinter	Mercury Mariner
Ford Escape	Mitsubishi Montero/Sport
GMC Jimmy (2-door and 4-door)	Mitsubishi Outlander
Honda CRV	Nissan JUKE
Honda <i>Element</i>	Nissan NV3200
Honda Passport	Nissan Rogue
Honda Pilot	Nissan Xterra
Hyundai Santa Fe	Oldsmobile Bravado
Hyundai Tucson	Pontiac Aztek
Infiniti QX4	Saab 95SUV
Isuzu Amigo	Saturn Vue
Isuzu Axiom	Subaru Forester
Isuzu Rodeo	Subaru Outback
Isuzu Trooper	Subaru Tribeca
Isuzu VehiCross	Subaru XB Crosstrack
Jeep Compass	Suzuki SX4
Jeep Commander	Suzuki Vitara/Grand
Jeep Cherokee/Jeep Grand	Toyota FJ Cruiser
Jeep Liberty	Toyota Highlander
Jeep Patriot	Toyota RAV4
Jeep Wrangler	Toyota Venza
Kia Rondo	Toyota 4Runner
Kia Sorento	Volkswagen Eurovan
Kia Soul	Volkswagen Tiguan
Kia Sportage	
Land Rover Discovery	

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.