

15 Passenger Vans

15 passenger vans are a higher risk vehicle because of difficulty with handling at highway speeds, weight and balance problems, lack of proper driver instruction, and an increased propensity for roll over accidents. It is recommended that when using 15 passenger vans are as follows:

- Driver shall be adults who have driving experience or licensing for large vans;
- Always travel at slower speeds;
- Load to 10 passengers or less ahead of rear wheels;
- Use seat belts at all seating positions;
- Secure luggage;
- Ensure that all of the weight is not in the back.

It is also recommended that transportation policies be created enabling the principal to give approval on behalf of the Board for the teachers, employees and volunteer drivers to transport students within a 15 passenger van. With this approval the driver will be covered under the school board's general liability insurance. Criteria for approval shall include:

- Accordingly, students should not be driving other students.
- Drivers shall have the experience and skills to handle a large van in all expected and unexpected road and weather conditions.
- Verify that the driver has a valid driver's license and has not had serious traffic offences.
- Police criminal record search.
- Student accident insurance shall be in place for all occupants of the vehicle
- Cell-phone or other communication device is required in the vehicle

Ultimately the use of 15 passenger vans is left to the discretion of the school boards.