



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR TRANSPORTING OWN CHILD

District fleet liability insurance does not extend to the use of private vehicles by parents who transport students on field trips, athletic events or other school sponsored activities. Drivers transporting students may be liable for injuries to those passengers in the event of an accident.

As the parent/guardian of the below listed student, I agree to transport my child to/from the listed activity and/or athletic event. I agree to take all responsibility for my child from the moment the sponsor/coach releases him/her to me. I hereby release and discharge the Albuquerque Public Schools District, its officers, employees, agents and servants (herein collectively referred to as "District") from all liability arising out of or in connection with my transportation of my child. For the purpose of this agreement, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits, or judgments of any and every kind that I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have against the District, or that any other person or entity may have against the District, because of any death, personal injury or illness, or because of any loss or damage to property that may occur.

	Yes	No
I have read the above and understand my liabilities and responsibilities.		
My vehicle is insured per New Mexico law by: <i>Must attach copy of certificate</i>		
My vehicle has seatbelts or child restraint devices for each occupant.		
I have a current, valid driver's license. Number: <i>Must attach copy of license</i>		
My vehicle is in safe mechanical condition to transport my child.		
I agree to comply with all traffic laws, ordinances and regulations.		

School: _____

Activity/Purpose of Trip: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

This form must be completed and returned to the sponsor/coach the day prior to the planned activity/trip.

Signature of Sponsor/Coach: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

EXCERPTS FROM APPLICABLE LAWS

§ 66-5-208 NMSA (1978) – EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AMOUNTS AND CONDITIONS

"Evidence of financial responsibility," as used in the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act [66-5-201 to 66-5-239 NMSA 1978], means evidence of the ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of the evidence, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a vehicle of a type subject to registration under the laws of New Mexico, in the following amounts:

- A. twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident;
- B. subject to this limit for one person, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident;
- C. ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident; and
- D. if evidence is in the form of a surety bond or a cash deposit, the total amount shall be sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

§ 66-7-372 NMSA (1978) – SAFETY BELT USE REQUIRED

- A. Except as provided by Section 66-7-369 NMSA 1978 and in Subsection B of this section, each occupant of a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or less manufactured with safety belts in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard number 208 shall have a safety belt properly fastened about his body at all times when the vehicle is in motion on any street or highway.

§ 66-7-369 NMSA (1978) - CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT

- A. A person shall not operate a passenger car, van or pickup truck in this state, except for an authorized emergency vehicle, public transportation or a school bus, unless all passengers less than eighteen years of age are properly restrained.
- B. Each person less than eighteen years of age shall be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device or by a safety belt, unless all seating positions equipped with safety belts are occupied, as follows:
 - (1) children less than one year of age shall be properly secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint device that meets federal standards, in the rear seat of a vehicle that is equipped with a rear seat. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rear seat, the child may ride in the front seat of the vehicle if the passenger-side air bag is deactivated or if the vehicle is not equipped with a deactivation switch for the passenger-side air bag;
 - (2) children one year of age through four years of age, regardless of weight, or children who weigh less than forty pounds, regardless of age, shall be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device that meets federal standards;
 - (3) children five years of age through six years of age, regardless of weight, or children who weigh less than sixty pounds, regardless of age, shall be properly secured in either a child booster seat or an appropriate child passenger restraint device that meets federal standards; and
 - (4) children seven years of age through twelve years of age shall be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device or by a seat belt.
- C. A child is properly secured in an adult seat belt when the lap belt properly fits across the child's thighs and hips and not the abdomen. The shoulder strap shall cross the center of the child's chest and not the neck, allowing the child to sit all the way back against the vehicle seat with knees bent over the seat edge.

SUMMARY OF CHILD RESTRAINT ACT REQUIREMENTS

Age/Weight of Child	Less than one year of age	One year of age through four years of age, or	Five years of age through six years of age, or	Seven years of age through twelve years
		Children who weigh less than forty pounds	Children who weigh less than sixty pounds	
Seating Requirement	Rear-facing child passenger restraint device in the rear seat	Child passenger restraint device	Child booster seat or an appropriate child passenger restraint device	Child passenger restraint device or seat belt

§ 8-2-1-27 (Albuquerque Code of Ordinances 65-1974) UNLAWFUL RIDING -

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or to permit another person to ride in or upon any portion of a vehicle not designated or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to any person riding within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise.