

# Student Transportation Policy

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## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to address how student transportation is handled at Wallace Stegner Academy (the “School”). It is also to establish rules and requirements related to student transportation to help ensure student safety.

The School intends for this policy to satisfy the policy requirements of Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-601.

## Policy

### School Buses

#### *Sunset Campus*

The School received a federal startup grant for its Sunset campus that enabled the School to purchase a school bus for that location. Once approved and ready for use, this school bus will transport eligible students attending the Sunset campus to and from School each day. Parents or guardians of students attending the Sunset campus who are not eligible to ride the school bus are responsible for the transportation of their students to and from School each day.

The School and school bus operator shall follow and meet all applicable standards, requirements, and procedures in R277-601.

#### *Other Campuses*

The state does not provide the School (or any other Utah charter school) with any state transportation funding, and the School has not received any additional federal funding that would permit the School to purchase school buses for its other campuses in Salt Lake County. As a result of this, and as a result of having a student population that often resides throughout multiple cities and/or counties, the School does not operate school buses for its campuses in Salt Lake County and does not provide transportation to or from School for students attending those campuses, except where required by law. Parents or guardians of students attending the School’s campuses in Salt Lake County are responsible for the transportation of their students to and from the School each day.

### Student Transportation for School Activities

The School may provide transportation for students in its school bus, charter buses, or through public transportation in connection with field trips, extracurricular activities, or other School-sponsored activities. Any charter bus company selected by the School to

transport students shall meet or exceed industry safety requirements and provide reliable and professional transportation services. In connection with out-of-state School-sponsored activities or trips, the School may provide transportation to students through commercial airlines.

The School may also provide student transportation for School-sponsored activities through private or rental vehicles driven by School employees or volunteers who have been approved by the School's Chief Executive Officer(s) or designee. The School's Chief Executive Officer(s) shall establish the necessary qualifications for such drivers and other requirements that must be met prior to using private or rental vehicles to transport students.

The School shall inform parents and guardians when it intends to provide student transportation in connection with School activities and shall give parents the opportunity to consent to such transportation. A student's parent or guardian must provide consent in order for their student to be transported to and/or from School activities as described in this section.

Charter bus operators and, to the extent practicable, other vehicle drivers approved by the School to transport students to and/or from School activities, shall adhere to the applicable standards in R277-601-3. The School shall enforce the applicable standards as required by the rule.

#### Administrative Procedures

The School's Chief Executive Officer(s) may establish administrative procedures to help the School implement and comply with the standards, requirements, and procedures set forth in R277-601.