

Bellevue School District Athletic Transportation for Seasons 1, 2, and 3 2020-2021 School Year

As we work through each of our scheduled seasons, we remain committed to a developed transportation plan that balances participant safety and community need, while serving students scheduled to participate in athletic competitions. This plan has been built considering:

- Limited exposure for participants to those outside their household unit during travel. We encourage only those in the same household to travel together, and if not in the same household, to travel in separate vehicles if possible.
- That travel groups (defined as groups that include more than one household in the same vehicle), all members of the travel group, including the driver, must wear a face covering and spread out as much as possible within the vehicle. In their plans, schools will limit travel groups to those who have been in regular contact (i.e. team members). In their plans, schools will encourage family members to sit together.
- In a carpool or bus, it is essential to maximize ventilation in the vehicle by opening windows.
- Any Bellevue School District bus used for athletic transportation will utilize all safety measures installed during the 2020-2021 school year.

Program Transportation Options

There is a provision in the Bellevue School District Field Trip Procedure ([2320P](#)) that allows for an exception to established procedures in extraordinary circumstances. Our current situation qualifies as extraordinary.

Therefore, athletic transportation will be handled as follows:

Practices: Student athletes, as they are each year, are responsible for their own transportation to scheduled practices.

Competitions:

1. First Option: Student athletes will be responsible to get themselves to the facility for a scheduled competition, either home or away.
2. Second Option: Student athletes will be provided district transportation (bus or other) for away contests. The transportation will take student athletes (and coaches) to the away contest and return them to the home school. **This is the first option if the away game is at Mercer Island or another school outside of the school district.**
3. Third Option: In extreme circumstances, should option 1 and option 2 not be available for a student athlete, a carpool may be arranged with someone who is assigned to their practice pod.

If a carpool is built, please work to complete the following for each student involved in the carpool:

- 2320 Exhibit A: [Parent Authorization and Acknowledgement for Field Trip](#)
 - Note: While the student has completed the Trip Activities Permissions form on FinalForms, Exhibit A will provide a clear indication of **who** is driving and **who** is riding to these events.
 - Note: In the driver section of Exhibit A be sure to have staff note if a student would be riding with a student driver during the contests listed in Appx 2.
- 2320 Exhibit A Appx. 2: Blanket Approval
 - Note: This will allow for one Exhibit A to be completed – and it apply to **all** scheduled contests.
- 2320 Exhibit G: [Driver Authorization](#)
 - This Exhibit should be filled out by every driver (student or adult) – and they should be returned. This exhibit should be returned each student’s home school.