

**MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT #134 POLICY  
AND PROCEDURE MANUAL  
SECTION 8000 – Non Instructional Operations  
CONTRACTS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.....POLICY 8018**

This District has the discretion to operate its own student transportation service or to contract with an independent entity for such services.

In the event this District elects to contract for student transportation services, all such contracts entered into will be in writing on a form approved by the State Superintendent of public instruction. No contract will be for a duration in excess of five (5) years.

This District may elect to contract for the transportation of students in grades Preschool through twelve (P-12) with other public transportation providers whose vehicles used to transport students comply with federal transit administration regulations. This District may also elect to contract for the transportation of students in grades Preschool through twelve (P-12) with private transportation providers that are approved by the state department of education. This District must receive verification of state department of education approval prior to considering the services of a private transportation provider. For reimbursement purposes, this District will be required to establish that the reimbursable costs of transportation under the contract are equal to or less than the costs for school buses.

This District will advertise, bid, and contract for all bus transportation service routes at a single time, and the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders meeting the specifications. This District reserves the right to accept, reject, or select any portion of any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

This District will twice give public notice, as required by Idaho Code Section 33-402, regarding its request for transportation service bids. The public notice will be made not less than four (4) weeks before the date of opening bids.

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**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-402

33-1006

33-1510

49 CFR Part 665

*Scott v. Buhl Joint Sch. Dist. No. 412*, 123 Idaho 779 (1993)

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