

## Newport High School Athletic Department Transportation Policy

The issue of how we handle transporting students will be broken down into two (2) main categories; 1.) when Newport HS **provides a bus** for the event and 2.) when Newport HS **does not provide a bus** for the event.

- 1) **The following expectations are in place when school district transportation is provided to and from a Newport High School sponsored event:**
  - a. That students participating in the event will travel on the bus to that event.
  - b. The only exception in traveling to an event is a parent/legal guardian may transport their son/daughter. Arrangements for this should take place prior to the event with the head coach of that team. Athletes **may not** transport themselves to an event when a bus has been provided.
  - c. When returning from the event, students will again be expected to travel on the bus that has been provided.
  - d. The only exception in return travel is that a coach may release a student to only their parent/legal guardian to transport home. A coach may not release a student to someone other than a parent/legal guardian, even if that family provides a note authorizing such an arrangement.
  - e. When releasing a student to a parent/legal guardian a coach may do so with face to face contact or by having the parent/legal guardian sign a release form. Such a form can be provided by the athletic department.
  - f. A coach must always travel to and from an event on the bus and properly supervise the students in his/her program.
  
- 2) **The following expectations are in place when no school district transportation is provided to and from a Newport High School sponsored event:**
  - a. For these types of events there are four (4) different district approved forms that can be used.
  - b. The coach/advisor will have to determine which of the four forms best suits the situation or people impacted by driving.
  - c. The proper forms need to be collected and on file prior to the event taking place. They can either be kept by the coach/advisor or handed over to the Athletic/Activity Director to maintain.
  - d. The four (4) district forms are for the following situations:
    - Parent Driver
    - Student Driver
    - Student Rider with Parent
    - Student Rider with Student
  - e. At all times adherence to Washington State Intermediate driver license laws must be applied. The basic standards of the law are as follows:
    - **Effective July 1, 2001**, the graduated licensing law prohibits:
      - Newly licensed teens from driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless with a parent, guardian, or licensed driver over age 25
      - They cannot carry passengers under age 20 except for immediate family for the first six months
      - They cannot carry more than three passengers under age 20, except for immediate family, after the first six months
      - And they must stay collision-and violation-free. Failure to do so could mean they will not receive an unrestricted license until age 18.