



# Transportation Department

## 2009-10 Annual Report

The Allendale School District consists of approximately 35 square miles, which is serviced by 17 buses on 62 regular bus runs per day, transporting approximately 3,315 students for a total of 1,398 regular bus runs per year; and 1,400 out-of-district runs for special needs students. This year, we traveled over 243,000 safe miles transporting students to and from Allendale Public Schools, Allendale Christian School, on field trips, and to out-of-district schools.

### **DEPARTMENT GOALS:**

**Goal # 1** Maintain buses to meet or exceed State of Michigan safety requirements.

**Action Plan** – Bus driver is to pre-trip their bus daily to inspect for defective, questionable, or worn parts on the bus. If a defect is found, they are to fill out a vehicle repair request and turn in to the mechanic for repairs. The mechanic is to bring in each vehicle every 1,000 miles to inspect for damaged or worn parts as a preventive maintenance program.

**Goal # 2** Continue to provide quality professional learning for staff.

**Action Plan** – Each bus driver is to attend and complete an advanced School Bus Safety Education Program conducted through the Ottawa Area ISD. In addition to this, the Transportation Director will conduct training through mandatory meetings with bus drivers during the school year.

**Goal # 3** Continue to improve follow-up on parent concerns through phone calls or face-to-face meetings.

**Action Plan** – Promptly respond to parents' questions and/or concerns through phone calls, emails, or meetings.

## Transportation Department Data 2009-2010

During the 2009-2010 school year, our buses traveled over 26,584 safe miles for extra trips without incident.

Field trips for the 2009-2010 school year:

TRIP	# OF TRIPS	HOURS	MILES	STUDENTS SERVED	COSTS	2008-2009 # OF TRIPS	2008-2009 COSTS
ATHLETIC	285	1,520.50	15,758.5	7,144	\$36,244.30	279	\$35,764.30
FIELD **	158	575.50	6,714.8	8,641	\$17,865.00	165	\$18,756.00
COMMUNITY	15	86.75	1,202	799	\$ 3,059.98	22	\$ 3,479.80
BAND	7	30	235	312	\$ 1,098.00	9	\$ 1,121.00
CHOIR	8	42	1,232	430	\$ 2,070.00	12	\$ 2,174.00
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	5	20	212	164	\$ 458.00	7	\$ 688.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>2,274.75</b>	<b>25,354.3</b>	<b>10,713</b>	<b>\$60,795.28 *</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>\$61,963.10</b>

\* This cost is driver wage and approximate fuel costs – it does not include cost for sub-driver if needed.

\*\* Field Trips are the combination of Elementary, Oakwood Intermediate, Middle School, & High School.

Daily bus runs for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 350 - Elementary and Oakwood Intermediate School Daily Runs
- 348 - Middle School and High School Daily Runs
- 700 - In-district Special Needs Student Daily Runs
- 1,400 - Out-of-district Runs for Special Needs Students

During the school year, there were 132 school bus discipline conferences with students who failed to cooperate and comply with the rules and regulations for riding the bus, or who failed to follow the directions or request of the bus driver.

Rather than jeopardize the safety of other students riding the bus, 16 students forfeited their bus riding privileges for a period of time during the school year.

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