

PASSENGER VAN GUIDELINES

10 to 15 Passenger Van Use Policy:

- Effective July 1, 2003, the Catholic Umbrella Pool II has adopted the following policies governing the use of 10 to 15 passenger vans (whether owned, leased, or borrowed).
 - The use of owned, non-owned (borrowed) or short-term leased 10 to 15 passenger vans to transport children or adults is prohibited. 10 to 15 passenger vans may be used for cargo hauling only if all but the two front seats are removed.
 - Mini-vans may continue to be used to transport children or adults. A minivan is defined as a passenger vehicle designed to transport no more than 8 total occupants.
 - 10-15 passenger vans could be replaced with either a school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB). A MFSAB is a vehicle which complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to school buses for crash survivability and mirrors, but does not meet the FMVSS which applies to crash prevention (warning lamps, stop arms, etc.). If used for the transportation of children, these vehicles must meet FMVSS 111; FMVSS 220; FMVSS 221; and FMVSS 222 (see below).
 - If purchasing a MFSAB to transport children, it is important to confirm with the seller that the vehicle meets all four Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. There are vehicles that visually appear to be conforming, but are not.
 - When selecting a replacement vehicle for the 10 to 15 passenger vans, the following Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards must be included in the vehicle when used for the transportation of children:
 - FMVSS 111 - Fulfills the safety requirement for the rear-view and cross-view visibility.
 - FMVSS 220 - Establishes requirements for the school bus body structure in rollover accidents.
 - FMVSS 221 - Regulates the strength of body panel joints in school buses.
 - FMVSS 222 - Establishes occupant protection requirements for school bus passenger seating and barriers.