

ACTIVITY TRAVEL POLICY DEXTER SCHOOLS

1. All students must obey rules of bus/activity driver and school bus/vehicle policies.
2. Only staff, students, and approved sponsors can ride the bus.
3. There must be a minimum of two coaches/sponsors when travelling with 15 or more students.
4. If traveling group is co-ed, both a male and female sponsor (does not include bus driver) must ride the bus/vehicle (for overnight trips). If group is non co-ed, sponsor must be of same sex (for overnight trips).
5. Non co-ed groups must ride in the front of the bus with sponsors sitting behind the students. (Due to possible hazing and inappropriate activities occurring at the back of the bus)
6. Co-ed groups need to be separated with a sponsor sitting between the groups and behind the last group (male and female).
7. Coaches/sponsors may not drive students to activities in their own vehicles (this includes practices and summer/offseason activities).
8. Coaches/sponsors can only drive students in school vehicles if they are certified.
9. Coaches/sponsors cannot arrange for other parents to drive students to activities.
10. When traveling with students, it is the responsibility of the coach/sponsor to have a copy of each student's medical release form.
11. It is the responsibility of all coaches/sponsors to supervise students on the bus/vehicle, at the hotel, at the event/activity, etc.
12. Coaches/sponsors riding the bus/vehicle must remain awake at all times.
13. For overnight trips, every effort should be made to reserve hotel rooms in a block area. If a block area is not available, boys and girls should be roomed on separate floors with coaches/sponsors roomed as close as possible to student rooms.
14. Coaches/sponsors/chaperones must perform multiple room checks throughout the night to ensure students are in their rooms and safe. Co-ed groups are not allowed in the hotel rooms. It is strongly recommended that doors are kept open when multiple students are socializing in a room, appropriate curfew times are given for all students, at night doors strategies are used (i.e., tape on the doors, penny left on the door handle, etc.) to deter students from leaving their room after curfew, multiple room checks are completed throughout the night, etc.
15. Coaches/sponsors must accompany students to activities/meetings, etc.
16. Coaches/sponsors must conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the trip – coaches/sponsors are on “around the clock” supervision duty and not on vacation.
17. Coaches/sponsors must choose appropriate places to eat (per meal cost, type of establishment, etc.).
18. When coming home from a trip, students will only be dropped off at the school. This is a liability issue. Students will not be dropped off at their homes or at meeting places.
19. Parents wishing to pick up their student at the event must complete a travel release form that is signed by the building Principal or Athletic Director and turned in to the coach/sponsor prior to the team/group departing for the trip.
20. If students violate the trip rules, the entire group may be required to leave the activity/event early and return home.
21. It is expected that students will be respectful and courteous when representing Dexter at a school-sponsored activity/event.