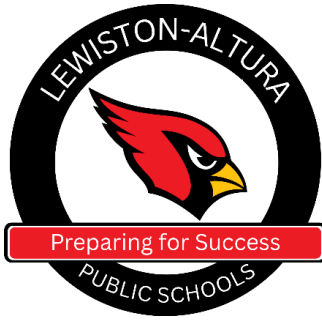




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EXTRACURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION

Lewiston-Altura Public Schools provide as many activities as practicable to students. Each activity has its own associated costs. In an effort to be as consistent as possible and not limit the number of activities and/or participation, the following parameters will be implemented for transportation to events and practices.

1. Lewiston-Altura High School MSHSL Sanctioned Activities (For Example: Football, Volleyball, Boy's and Girl's Basketball, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Softball, Baseball, Boy's and Girl's Track and Field, and Boy's and Girl's Golf) – All students participating in an activity that is 100% hosted by Lewiston-Altura will have access to transportation to practice on school days to the designated location or within reasonable walking distance. Activity participants will receive transportation to away events and return trips to the high school unless parents will be following the below guidelines to take students home from events. Part of being a member of a team/activity is time spent together before and after events, and students are highly encouraged to ride home from events with their team/activity.
2. Shared Cooperative Sports (For Example: Boy's and Girl's Cross Country, Dance, Boy's and Girl's Wrestling) – The district will provide transportation to and from practices located at the cooperative school. Practice held in district on school days will be provided transportation to the designated offsite location or within reasonable walking distance. Activity participants will receive transportation to away events and return trips to the high school unless parents will be following the below guidelines to take students home from events.
3. Off Site Cooperative (For Example: Boy's and Girl's Soccer and Boy's and Girl's Hockey) – Cooperatives may be formed that are 100% hosted by another district. In the event of this type of cooperative, no transportation is provided to practices or events. There may be instances where the bus from the cooperative school may pick students up at the high school, but it is not guaranteed. In the event of this style of cooperative, parents must arrange transportation for their children following all state and local statutes and laws, especially related to driving license restrictions. The school district will not help arrange rides for students, but parents can arrange to transport students. The off site cooperative district must approve all transportation requests related to practices and events.
4. No team or activity will provide direct transportation to a participants home. There is no transportation to practices on non-school days or weekends. Events held on weekends will have transportation provided as listed below. Students are required to ride with teams to events unless there are extenuating circumstances preapproved by administration.
5. Please note that FFA pays for their own transportation costs as part of being a student activity but still follows school transportation guidelines. Trap team is not an MSHSL sanctioned activity and students must provide their own transportation to practice rounds and events.

All Sports: Students participating in a school-sponsored event must ride to and from that activity in a school owned vehicle. The coach/advisor, activities director, principal, or the superintendent may grant exceptions for students wishing to ride home with a parent. A signed note from the parent is necessary for permission to be granted, and the coach/advisor must visibly see the parent prior to the student leaving the event.

At least one coach or supervisor is required to travel to and from all athletic contests with the team on the van or bus. Exceptional situations must have the approval from the AD or Principal.

Regarding students driving to practice or transporting other students to practice:

1. Parents and participants are to be notified that the school provides transportation to and from practice and events.
2. Students driving to practice/event must have signed parent permission slips indicating the parents accept liability for any mishaps. The form will indicate the reason behind the need to drive as well permission will not extend beyond that season.
3. Students are only allowed to drive family members, within the scope of their license, to a practice with parent permission approved by the office prior to the travel. The school will request a copy of the student license along with the signed form from a parent indicating which family members the student will be transporting.
4. Students needing to ride home from an event with another family (adult) need to have preapproval from the AD or Principal to do so. Students will not be allowed to ride home at the time of the event if pre-approval was not granted. Only the adult given the preapproval will be allowed to sign the student out from the event.
5. Students leaving an event must be signed out by an adult. Whenever possible, preapproval is preferred, so that coaches know who will be riding to and from events.
6. PSEO students attending off campus classes or with a class schedule conflict will be allowed to drive to practice or an event with parent permission. Preapproval is necessary for these events. Online courses that do not meet at set times will not be acceptable for reasons to drive to practice or events.

Student Behavior Guidelines for Extracurricular Transportation

1. Passengers are allowed to eat snacks or light meals, provided they limit distractions to others, agree to clean up any excess mess, and properly dispose of any trash when they exit the vehicle. A single violation can result in revocation of this privilege.
2. Use of mobile phones is allowed for the purpose of contacting family, adults, guardians who need to be informed about bus arrival and location issues before departing for home.
3. The bus driver has the authority to request a passenger discontinue the use of mobile phones and other devices, if and when the driver feels inappropriate use is being made, or it causes potentially hazardous safety issues for the driver. A single violation can result in revocation of this privilege.