



FMP NH, INC.

Transportation & Carpool Policy

The Franciscan Mystery Play believes that formation happens not only during structured activities, but also through shared, ordinary experiences. Traveling together, engaging in conversation, and learning to relate across different personalities and backgrounds are essential elements of the program's mission.

Shared transportation is therefore not merely logistical, but formative. At the same time, FMP recognizes that transportation inherently carries risk and seeks to structure this aspect of the program in a manner that is prudent, transparent, and respectful of parental responsibility.

Transportation by shared carpool is an intentional and integral part of the FMP program. Participants are regularly transported together from a central meeting location to program activities as part of fostering community, relationship-building, and shared experience among participants.

Assigned carpools are designed to encourage participants to spend time with peers they may not otherwise interact with, supporting the relational and formative goals of the program. Transportation occurs on a recurring basis during the program cycle and is considered part of normal program operations.

Nature of Transportation Provided

FMP does not own, operate, or insure vehicles used for transportation. Transportation is provided using privately owned vehicles operated by parents or guardians of program participants. These individuals transport participants using their personal vehicles as part of their participation in the program community. FMP coordinates carpool logistics-including meeting times, locations, and participant groupings- but does not control or direct the operation of any vehicle.



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Driver Selection & Eligibility

Drivers are parents or legal guardians of participants who agree to transport participants as part of the program.

Eligibility expectations for drivers include:

- Holding a valid driver's license
- Operating a vehicle that complies with applicable safety and seatbelt laws, and requiring passengers to buckle up
- Agreeing to follow all traffic laws and exercise reasonable care while driving
- While New Hampshire law does not require automobile insurance, FMP requires all parent drivers to maintain and prove valid and current automobile insurance as a condition of serving as a driver
- Must not be a Registered Sex Offender, as required by the Diocese of Manchester. Zero exceptions will be made.

FMP does not conduct driving record checks, background checks, or vehicle inspections for parent drivers, and does not provide driver training. Drivers participate voluntarily and are not employees or agents of FMP for purposes of vehicle operation. FMP reserves the right to exclude an individual from serving as a driver if there is a known or credible safety concern.

Assignment of Carpools

For convenience and team-building purposes, FMP assigns participants to carpools. Assignments may change from week to week to support relationship-building across the group. Carpools typically consist of multiple participants per vehicle. FMP seeks to avoid patterns of exclusive or ongoing one-on-one transportation between a single adult and a single minor where reasonably practicable. Participants meet and are dismissed according to clearly defined times and locations communicated in advance.

Supervision & Boundaries of Responsibility

FMP is responsible for:

- Establishing transportation policies and expectations
- Coordinating carpool assignments and schedules
- Communicating clearly with parents and participants



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- Exercising reasonable care in the selection and organization of drivers
- Maintaining appropriate supervision before departure and upon return

Parent-drivers are responsible for:

- The safe operation of their vehicles
- Compliance with all traffic and safety laws
- Ensuring seatbelt use and age-appropriate safety measures
- The conduct of participants while in their vehicle
- Maintaining valid insurance coverage

FMP does not supervise, direct, or monitor driving behavior during transit and does not assume responsibility for the operation of vehicles.

Insurance & Liability

Each driver's personal automobile insurance is primary and applies to any accident, injury, or damage arising from the operation of their vehicle. FMP does not provide automobile insurance coverage for vehicles, drivers, or passengers. FMP maintains organizational insurance appropriate to its operations; however, such coverage generally does not replace or supersede a driver's personal auto insurance. **Parents acknowledge that transportation-related risks are inherent and that participation in the program includes participation in shared transportation as described in this policy.**

Parental Consent & Acknowledgment

Participation in FMP requires parental or guardian consent for shared transportation.

By enrolling a participant, parents or guardians:

- Acknowledge that transportation is a recurring part of the program
- Grant permission for their child to be transported by other parents/guardians
- Understand that private vehicles are used
- Understand that the driver's personal insurance applies
- Agree to the transportation structure described in this policy

Separate consent and acknowledgment forms may be used to document this understanding.



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The Franciscan Mystery Play Board of Directors is committed to transparency and ongoing evaluation of its practices. Parents with questions or concerns regarding transportation are encouraged to communicate with program leadership.

FMP NH, Inc. reserves the right to update this policy as needed to reflect program growth, evolving best practices, or changes in applicable guidance.