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Capacity Rating of Vehicle/15 Passenger Van Procedure	
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The number of pupils carried on a school bus shall not exceed the capacity rating, as established by the Ministry of Transportation for school bus operators (i.e. a 24 seat bus with a manufacturer’s rating of 72 passengers has the legal capacity of 72 passengers).

When calculating the capacity of any school bus, grades JK to 6 shall be weighted at 1 for a total capacity of 72 and grades 7 to 12 shall be weighted at 1.5 for a total capacity of 48 on a 72 passenger bus (i.e. 24 seats x 3/seat x 1 weighted = 72 elementary, 24 seats x 2/seat x 1.5 weighted = 72 secondary).

The RCJTC recognizes the inherent safety features built into a regulated school bus. All pupils transported for the RCJTC for any and all school purposes (i.e. home to school, field trips, etc.), shall be transported in the safest form possible.

Where there is a need to use a smaller vehicle to transport students, **a 15 passenger van will be prohibited.**

Some examples of these types of vans are as follows:

- Ford Econoline E350/E250/E150 (some or all may have “EXT” or “XT” after the numerals), Ford Club Wagon (made until 1998);
- GMC Savannah, Chevrolet Express, GMC Rally/Vandura G3500/G2500/G1500 (not in production);
- Dodge Ram Wagon B350/B250/B150 and B3500/B2500/B1500 (not in production);
- Chrysler Sprinter.

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