



SISC BULLETIN

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TO: District Superintendents
SISC II Member Districts

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SUBJECT: Students Operating Utility Carts, Golf Carts, ATVs, Etc.

A recent question was raised regarding the appropriateness of students operating utility carts, golf carts, ATVs, etc. The purpose of this bulletin is to express SISC's position on this matter.

These types of equipment should be considered vehicles and therefore only operated by district personnel. Although such vehicles do not require the operator to have a driver's license, they are nevertheless powered vehicles that should not be operated by minors—much the same as any other district-owned vehicle.

There have been several serious injuries sustained in SISC member districts as a result of students operating such vehicles. Experience has shown that it is not a good idea to give a student free operation of a motorized vehicle (especially one that can be perceived as potential fun).

If you have any question, please contact your SISC Safety and Loss Control representative.

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