

Guidelines for Volunteer Drivers at KMS

From the KMS Parent Handbook:

Field Trips

Field trips are part of each child's learning experience. They can also be a very special time for you and your child. Parents are sometimes asked to help with the driving. For short trips we may use a school bus. A list of field trips and dates will be provided at the beginning of the school year in order for parent volunteers to plan in advance. **Each family is encouraged to participate in at least one field trip per year.**

Parents not driving on a field trip will need to leave their child's car seat at school on the morning of a trip. Reminders shall be posted the day prior to a scheduled trip.

Teachers and staff of Kennebec Montessori are not allowed to transport students in their personal vehicles.

Volunteer Drivers

Any parent who volunteers as a field trip driver is required to complete the Volunteer Driver Form. In order to ensure a safe and fun experience for all, please make sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- **All children under 40 lbs. are required to have a car seat, regardless of their age.**
- **All children under 80 lbs. are required to have a booster seat.**
- If a child is under 4'9" tall, it is highly recommended that they ride in a booster seat, regardless of age or weight.
- All children less than 12 years of age and weighing less than 100 lbs. are required to ride in the rear seat of a vehicle.
- No child shall be placed in the front seat of a vehicle with an air bag.
- The vehicle must have adequate seat belts for each child.
- Drivers must drive directly to and from the field trip with no stops in between.
- **Siblings of field trip participants generally may not attend field trips. Please speak to your child's teacher about exceptions.**
- Drivers should refrain from using cell phones while transporting children except in an emergency.