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## **USE OF RIDE SHARING SERVICES TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

As a service to our families, and in the interest of student safety, we want to take this opportunity to remind you that most ride sharing services do not permit users under the age of 18.

In California, unaccompanied minors are prohibited from traveling with most carriers, including transportation network companies. In California, most services require a passenger to be 18 to sign up for an account. If a driver believes a passenger might be underage, the driver may ask the passenger to confirm their age. The driver may also let a passenger know that the driver will have to cancel the trip if the passenger is indeed under 18. In addition, drivers can report requests to transport unaccompanied minors by contacting their support center.

These company policies are based upon California Public Utilities Decision 97-07-063, which requires that entities specializing in the transportation of children conduct a background check of their drivers through the California Department of Justice.

We suggest you check with your ride sharing service to see if their drivers have gone through a background check and can transport children under 18.