

## 11 – 15 Passenger Vans

The CUP II prohibition is on all uses of the 11 to 15 passenger vans. These vans do not provide a level of safety for those being transported due to several issues. The most concerning are they can be susceptible to roll over accidents due to a higher center of gravity as well as not providing an acceptable level of side impact protection since these are simply cargo vans that have seats bolted to the floor.

Multifunction school activity buses (MFSAB's) offer the best side impact protection, roll over protection, and seat safety for those we are responsible to protect. They can come in any seating capacity needed, however any capacity over 16 seats requires the driver to have a CDL to drive the bus. They also can be purchased with handicap accessibility and wheel chair lifts. Airport shuttle buses present the same safety hazards as an 11 to 15 passenger van in regards to side impact protection, seating, and roll over protection. Shuttle buses are designed to transport a small number of passengers from a parking lot to a terminal, which are usually very short distances and at slow speeds. Most shuttle buses are simply fiberglass passenger compartments bolted to a truck chassis. While slightly more expensive than a 15 passenger van, the level of safety and stability of the MFSAB outweigh the expense.

The only Ford Transit that is allowed is the 2016 or 2017 **Ford Transit Wagon 150 with 130 inch wheel base with either the low or medium height roof. It can ONLY be for 10 passengers (which includes the driver). CMG CUP II Policy PROHIBITS 11 to 15 passenger vehicles.**

Furthermore, this vehicle **CANNOT** be utilized to pick up children from their homes and then to school and then back home again. It can ONLY be used as an activity bus taking students to and from the school to events i.e., field trip to the zoo, etc.

I hope that provides a better explanation into the safety concerns of 11 to 15 passenger vans by the CUP II members, which resulted in their passing a policy against their use. Please let me know if I can provide any further information for you.