

Safety is of paramount concern in providing student transportation services. Consistent with the Wake County Board of Education's goals for student safety, all drivers involved in transporting students must comply with the following Board requirements.

A. SCHOOL BUS AND ACTIVITY BUS DRIVERS

School bus and activity bus drivers must:

1. possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
- ~~2.~~ undergo and follow all training required by law governing school bus and activity bus passenger safety;
- ~~2.3.~~ Obey all applicable traffic laws.
- ~~3.4.~~ not operate a school or activity bus on a public street, highway, or public vehicular area while using a mobile telephone or related technology while the bus is in motion, unless such use is for the sole purpose of communicating in an emergency situation;
- ~~4.5.~~ when driving a school bus, use the North Carolina crossing signal required by the State Board of Education to communicate to students when it is safe to cross the street to board the bus and when it is safe to cross the street after exiting the bus;
- ~~5.6.~~ report to the principal any misconduct that is in violation of any of the student behavior policies in 4309 Student Behavior – Student Code of Conduct or school rules;
- ~~7.~~ perform a pre-trip inspection of their buses before beginning their routes;
- ~~6.8.~~ use reasonable judgment in the operation of the buses;
- ~~7.9.~~ make reasonable efforts to maintain good order of the students being transported;
- ~~8.10.~~ not permit any person to ride who is not assigned to the bus or has not received express permission of the principal or other designated official;
- ~~11.~~ promptly report road or traffic conditions that may affect the safety of a bus route or bus stop;
- ~~9.12.~~ promptly report to the principal or other designated official any defect or other concern regarding the safety of the school bus, activity bus, or other vehicle operated by the school system; and

~~10.13.~~ report to the principal or other designated official by the next work day any moving violation citations received while operating any motor vehicle, whether on or off duty.

B. OTHER DRIVERS

Other drivers, including volunteer drivers, must:

1. possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
2. report to the principal by the next working day any moving violation citations received while operating any motor vehicle, whether on or off duty; and
3. carry insurance if operating a privately owned vehicle.

If the Board requires a school social worker to increase his or her private automobile liability coverage and/or to add a business use rider in order to transport students in his or her private vehicle, the social worker will be reimbursed for the additional premium charged and/or for the increased liability limits of the added rider.

The superintendent or designee shall make copies of this policy and other related policies available to drivers.

Legal References: G.S. 20-7(f)(2), -137.4, -218; 115C-47(25a), -241, -242, -244 to -246, -248, -251, -317.1; 16 N.C.A.C. 6B .0111; State Board of Education Policy TRAN-010; *North Carolina School Bus Driver Handout*, Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, available at <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/driver-licenses/new-drivers/Documents/school-bus-handbook.pdf>

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