

Descriptor Term:
DRIVERS

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6.3150

Legal References: G.S. 20-7(f)(2), -137.4, -218; 115C -47(25a), -241, -242, -244 to -246, -248, -251, -317.1; Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

Cross References: 4.3600 Code of Student Conduct; 7.2410 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators; 8.3400 Insurance

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

School bus drivers must:

- possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
- not operate a school bus on a public street, highway or public vehicular area while using a mobile telephone or related technology while the school bus is in motion unless such use is for the sole purpose of communicating in an emergency situation (G.S. 20.137.4);
- report to the principal any misconduct which is in violation of the student behavior policies;
- use reasonable judgment in the operation of the buses;
- make reasonable efforts to maintain good order of the students being transported;
- 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;
- 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 district; and
- 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.

Other drivers, including, but not limited to, volunteer drivers must:

- possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
- 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
- carry insurance if operating a privately owned vehicle.

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