

Descriptor Term:  
USE OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Descriptor Code:  
6.3200

Legal References: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*; 49 U.S.C. 30125, 30165; G.S. 115C-239, -242, -243, -247, -254; G.S. 66-58(c)(9a) and (9b); *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy GCS-D-000; Memorandum to All Superintendents from Eddie M. Speas, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General, January 14, 1988

Cross References: 3.3200 School Trips; 6.3000 Goals of Student Transportation Services; 6.3400 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts

Student transportation services will be made available in a manner consistent with board goals set out in policy 6.3000, Goals of Student Transportation Services. The first priority is to provide transportation to and from school to eligible students.

#### A. OTHER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Other transportation services may be made available as funding permits and in accordance with the legal requirements and board policy. In particular, the board establishes the following possible uses of other transportation services:

1. state operated school buses may be used for instructional programs directly related to the curriculum when the trip and use of the bus are approved in accordance with board policy;
2. school buses may be used only for purposes expressly allowed by G.S. 115C-242;
3. school buses may not be used for athletic activities or extracurricular activities;
4. activity buses and other vehicles meeting federal safety standards may be used for approved school-related activities as local funding permits;
5. as funding permits, the board encourages the superintendent and principals to provide transportation services to enable students at risk of not meeting promotion standards to take advantage of additional or enhanced opportunities for learning.

#### B. SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

The board may authorize special uses of school buses as provided by G.S. 115C-242 and 115C-243. The superintendent shall present to the board any requests for special uses and the statutory support for allowing such authorization.

#### C. TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North Carolina Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities will be provided with transportation services as required by law. When the school system's transportation services are unable to provide transportation for special needs students, the board may contract with public or private carriers to provide this service, pursuant to policy 6.3400, Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts.

