

Bus Drivers

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I. General Policy Statement

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 regulations.

II. Regulations

A. School Bus and Activity Bus Drivers

1. Possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
2. 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;
3. Report to the principal any misconduct that is in violation of student behavior policies or school rules;
4. Use reasonable judgment in the operation of the buses;
5. Make reasonable effort to maintain good order of students being transported;
6. Not permit any person to board or ride who is not assigned to the bus or has not received express permission of the principal or other designated official;
7. Promptly report to the principal or other designated official any defect or other concern regarding the safety of the bus or other vehicle; and
8. Report to the principal or designated official by the next working day any moving violation citations received while operating any motor vehicle, whether on or off duty.

B. Other Bus Drivers including Volunteer Drivers

1. Possess required licenses and all other qualifications required by law;
2. Not operate a 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;
3. Use reasonable judgment in the operation of the buses;
4. Promptly report to the principal or other designated official any defect or other concern regarding the safety of the bus or other vehicle; and
5. Report to the principal or immediate supervisor by the next working day any moving violation citations received while operating any motor vehicle, whether on or off duty.

C. The superintendent or designee will inform bus drivers of this policy and of other related policies.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-47(25a),-241, -242, -244 to 246, -248, -251, -317.1; G.S. 20-7(f)(2), -137.4, -218