

1 The safety of students is a paramount concern of the Transylvania County Board of Education  
2 (the “board”) and the school system. The principal or designee shall make reasonable efforts to  
3 verify that any person appearing at a school and requesting permission to take a student from the  
4 school is properly identified before the student is released to him or her.

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6 Except in the most extreme circumstances, custody of a student shall not be relinquished to any  
7 person without the prior approval of the parent or guardian who has physical custody of the  
8 student. However, if the parents are divorced or separated, the student may be released to either  
9 parent, unless the principal has been provided with a copy of a court order or agreement that  
10 specifies otherwise.

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12 If the principal or designee judges that the student’s health or safety may be harmed by releasing  
13 the student, the principal shall contact law enforcement and/or the department of social services  
14 as appropriate.

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16 Principals are encouraged to develop guidelines as necessary to implement this policy.

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18 Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -288

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20 Cross References: Child Abuse **and Related Threats to Child Safety**—~~Reports and Investigations~~  
21 (policy 4240/7312), Relationships with Other Governmental Agencies (policy 5100)

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