

1 Student transportation services will be made available in a manner consistent with the goals
2 adopted by the [Transylvania County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) and set out in policy
3 6300, Goals of Student Transportation Services. The first priority is to provide transportation to
4 and from school to eligible students.
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6 **A. OTHER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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8 Other transportation services may be made available as funding permits and in
9 accordance with legal requirements and board policy. In particular, the board establishes
10 the following possible uses of other transportation services.
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- 12 1. State-operated school buses may be used for instructional programs directly
13 related to the curriculum when the trip and use of the bus are approved in
14 accordance with board policy.
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- 16 2. School buses may be used only for purposes expressly allowed by G.S. 115C-242.
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- 18 3. School buses may not be used for athletic activities or extracurricular activities.
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- 20 4. Activity buses and other vehicles meeting federal safety standards may be used
21 for travel to athletic activities and travel to other approved school-related
22 activities. In addition to students receiving regular school bus safety training,
23 safety instruction will be provided to students traveling on activity buses or
24 commercial buses as needed.
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- 26 5. The board encourages the superintendent and principals to provide transportation
27 services to enable students at risk of not meeting promotion standards to take
28 advantage of additional or enhanced opportunities for learning.
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- 30 6. Private vehicles should not be used to transport students.
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32 **B. SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES**

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34 The board may authorize special uses of school buses as provided by G.S. 115C-242 and
35 115C-243. The superintendent shall present to the board any requests for special uses
36 and the statutory support for allowing such authorization.
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38 **C. TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

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40 A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North
41 Carolina *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided with
42 transportation services as required by law. When the school system’s transportation
43 services are unable to provide transportation for special needs students, the board may
44 contract with public or private carriers to provide this service, pursuant to policy 6340,

45 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts.

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47 Legal References: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*; 49 U.S.C.
48 30125, 30165; G.S. 115C-239, -242, -243, -247, -254; G.S. 66-58(c)(9a) and (9b); *Policies*
49 *Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy GCS-D-000;
50 State Board of Education policies TCS-H-000, -006; Memorandum to All Superintendents from
51 Eddie M. Speas, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General, January 14, 1988

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53 Cross References: School Trips (policy 3320), Goals of Student Transportation Services (policy
54 6300), Safety and Student Transportation Services (policy 6305), Transportation Service/Vehicle
55 Contracts (policy 6340)

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