

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.

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5 **A. SCHOOL SYSTEM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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7 The first priority of the school system transportation services is to provide eligible
8 students transportation to and from school. The school system may make other
9 transportation services available as funding permits and in accordance with legal
10 requirements, board policy, and the following standards.

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12 1. Yellow school buses may be used for instructional programs directly related to the
13 curriculum when the trip and use of the bus are approved in accordance with
14 board policy.
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16 2. Yellow school buses may be used only for purposes expressly allowed by G.S.
17 115C-242.
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19 3. Yellow school buses may not be used for athletic activities or extracurricular
20 activities.
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22 4. Activity buses and other vehicles meeting federal safety standards may be used
23 for travel to athletic activities and travel to other approved school-related
24 activities. In addition to students receiving regular school bus safety training,
25 safety instruction will be provided to students traveling on activity buses or
26 commercial buses ~~as needed~~.
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28 5. The board encourages the superintendent and principals to provide transportation
29 services to enable students at risk of not meeting promotion standards to take
30 advantage of additional or enhanced opportunities for learning.
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32 6. Private vehicles should not be used to transport students.

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34 **B. SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES**

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36 The board may authorize special uses of yellow school buses as provided by G.S. 115C-
37 242 and 115C-254 and of activity buses and yellow school buses as provided by G.S.
38 115C-243 and 115C-247. The board also may authorize the special use of activity buses
39 for the purposes described in G.S. 66-58(c)(9b).

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41 The superintendent shall present to the board any requests for special uses and the
42 statutory support for allowing such authorization.

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44 **C. TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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46 A student who is identified as having a disability following procedures in the North
47 Carolina *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided with
48 transportation services as required by law. When the school system's transportation
49 services are unable to provide transportation for a student with a disability, the board may
50 contract with public or private carriers to provide this service, pursuant to policy 6340,
51 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts.
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53 Legal References: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*; 49 U.S.C.
54 30125, 30165; G.S. 66-58(c)(9a) and (9b); 115C-239, -242, -243, -247, -254; **16 N.C.A.C. 6B**
55 **.0111**; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education
56 Policy EXCP-000; State Board of Education policyies TRAN-000,—006; Memorandum to All
57 Superintendents from Eddie M. Speas, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General, January 14, 1988,
58 available at <http://www.ncsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/AG-Memo-1988.pdf>
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60 Cross References: School Trips (policy 3320), Goals of Student Transportation Services (policy
61 6300), Safety and Student Transportation Services (policy 6305), Transportation Service/Vehicle
62 Contracts (policy 6340)
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