

1 The [Transylvania County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) may enter into contracts with public  
2 or private carriers in accordance with G.S. 115C-253, State Board of Education policy, any other  
3 applicable law, and this policy. Any contracts also must comply with policy 6450, Purchase of  
4 Services.  
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6 The superintendent or designee shall develop safety standards for contracted commercial bus  
7 transportation services used to transport students to school-related activities. The standards must  
8 comply with the requirements established by the State Board. The superintendent or designee  
9 shall develop a list of companies or individuals that meet these standards and are approved to  
10 provide student transportation services. If appropriate, the superintendent shall recommend that  
11 the board enter into interlocal cooperation agreements to assist in developing the standards and  
12 list of approved entities required under this paragraph.  
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14 The superintendent shall ensure that the school system contracts for student transportation  
15 services only with companies or individuals who are on the approved list.  
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17 The board may purchase or lease student transportation vehicles in accordance with law and  
18 board policy, including policy 6430, State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials,  
19 and Supplies, policy 6440, Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and  
20 Supplies, and policy 6425, Continuing Contracts. Any such vehicle must meet federal safety  
21 standards and state requirements.  
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23 All titles will be issued to the board of education. Sufficient liability coverage must be  
24 maintained in accordance with policy 8340, Insurance.  
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26 The board will consider requests for providing transportation services to a charter school. Such  
27 consideration will take into account any factors required by law.  
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29 Legal References: 49 U.S.C. 30125, 30165; G.S. 115C-42, -47(25), -239, -240, -247, -249, -  
30 249.1, -253, -255; *North Carolina School Transportation Fleet Manual*, State Board of  
31 Education Policy TCS-H-005, available at <http://www.ncbussafety.org/Manuals/index.html>;  
32 State Board of Education Policies TCS-H-009, -010, -011; *School Charter Transportation*  
33 *Recommended Guidelines and Procedures*, available at  
34 <http://www.ncbussafety.org/motorcoach/index.html>  
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36 Cross References: Continuing Contracts (policy 6425), State Purchasing Requirements for  
37 Equipment, Materials, and Supplies (policy 6430), Local Purchasing Requirements for  
38 Equipment, Materials, and Supplies (policy 6440), Purchase of Services (policy 6450), Insurance  
39 (policy 8340)  
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