16 NCAC 06B .0101  SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

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16 NCAC 06B .0102  SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS
(a) LEAs shall provide instruction in school bus safety to all children during the first five days of school and regularly thereafter during the school year. The LEAs shall include in the instruction basic skills and knowledge vital to safety in school bus transportation.
(b) LEAs shall provide seating for all school bus passengers entitled to transportation according to the rated seating capacity for each specific bus. The LEAs shall not allow the number of passengers being transported to exceed the official rated capacity for the type and model bus being used. All riders must be seated before a bus may leave a stop; overcrowding and standees are prohibited.
(c) LEAs shall establish uniform procedures for transporting children with special needs to include:
   (1) recommendation by school-based committee;
   (2) inclusion in the written individualized education plan; and
   (3) approval by the transportation director and superintendent.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115C-240(c);
Eff. July 1, 1986;

16 NCAC 06B .0103  LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
LEAs shall adopt and keep on file in the office of the superintendent rules, regulations and policies to assure the safe, orderly and efficient operation of school buses, including:
   (1) the use of school buses under G.S. 115C-242(5);
   (2) a uniform system of discipline on school buses;
   (3) a uniform procedure for the recruitment and selection of school bus drivers;
   (4) procedures for relieving a driver of driving duties;
   (5) passenger safety rules;
   (6) responsibilities of school bus monitors; and
   (7) duties of school personnel in the administration of the school transportation program.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115C-240(a);

16 NCAC 06B .0104  BUS ROUTES
(a) Superintendents shall plan bus routes in a way designed to conserve fuel and to use buses efficiently.
(b) A route may not deviate from a general path of direction for a distance of less than one-half mile and then return to the original path except for groups of 10 or more pupils, unescorted pupils in grades K-3 or special education pupils.
(c) Unless safety factors require otherwise, superintendents may not plan bus stops closer together than 0.2 miles. Each student must be at the designated stop at the time of the bus's arrival.
(d) Except in an emergency, regular and substitute drivers will transfer a bus at the school.
(e) Drivers shall park buses at night and on weekends in locations which lessen opportunities for persons to steal fuel and commit vandalism.
(f) Service personnel shall maintain buses to ensure greatest fuel economy.
(g) Each LEA will establish the time required for each bus route and certify this time. The LEA will use this certified time to contract with the driver for each route operated. The LEA will determine the hourly rate of pay by a salary schedule adopted by the SBE.
16 NCAC 06B .0105   SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE
16 NCAC 06B .0106   SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS

The Department may evaluate the transportation program of any LEA, including the supervisory and safety practices. It may also make recommendations to the LEA as it considers necessary.

16 NCAC 06B .0107   SUPERVISORY AND SAFETY PRACTICES

16 NCAC 06B .0108   PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY EXEMPTION