

<b>3230</b>	<b>Transportation Policy</b>
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Pine Lake Preparatory provides limited school transportation service for students. Pine Lake Preparatory will comply with state statutes regarding the transportation of public school students, which include:

- specifications governing school bus equipment;
- inspection of buses;
- qualifications for school bus drivers;
- driving regulations;
- insurance; and
- student conduct.

The transportation system maintained by the board will meet or exceed minimum standards established by the state.

#### Private Vehicles

Pine Lake Preparatory assumes no liability for the use of private vehicles in transporting students or school personnel.

#### Bus Drivers

The use of vehicles owned by Pine Lake Preparatory will be limited to those persons whose normal duties require the use of a vehicle during regular business hours or school-related trips with extended hours. Use of school vehicles is for the purpose of school business and is restricted to such duties. Pine Lake Preparatory employees who drive school vehicles shall meet all licensing criteria as prescribed by the state of North Carolina.

#### Athletics:

Athletes are not permitted to travel with other students to practice, contests or team meetings. Students desiring to travel with other parents/legal guardians to practice, contests or team meetings may do so only after written permission has been submitted by their own parent/legal guardian to the coach.

Coaches will provide parents/legal guardians with expected arrival times for practice, contests and meetings. It is expected that parents/legal guardians will respect the coaches' time and be prompt in picking up their children. Coaches are expected to stay with students no more than twenty minutes past the anticipated arrival time that was given to the parents/legal guardians.

Please note that student athletes are not permitted to ride with coaches in coaches' personal vehicles regardless of circumstance. In the event that transportation is provided by Pine Lake, only students who have turned in the transportation permission slip will be permitted to ride.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-239