

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for management of student transportation.

The superintendent is responsible for the overall bus transportation in the school district.

The district will provide transportation to all eligible students within the boundaries provided for by state funds and state board of education regulations. The district will adhere to all applicable rules and regulations relative to the routing and operation of the transportation system of state provided buses. The district will provide transportation in accordance with state and federal law.

All bus drivers will be adults (18 or older) with a commercial driver's license (CDL) and state bus permit. All drivers will be subject to periodic license review and random drug tests (see policy EEAE). Drivers will be held responsible for damage to vehicles due to accidents where the driver is charged as at-fault by law enforcement. This is in accordance with state regulations on bus damage.

The director of transportation and staff will be responsible for designing routes and designating bus stops based on department of education guidelines. The transportation director in conjunction with school administrators will be responsible for handling bus discipline and parent/student complaints.

Students who travel to and from school on school buses or who make trips in connection with school sponsored activities are under school supervision.

### **Adults on school buses**

Parents/Legal guardians and other adult school volunteers or employees may ride school buses if they are part of a special program sponsored by the district.

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#### Legal references:

##### A. Federal Law:

1. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Improvements Act of 2011, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11431-11435.
2. No Child Left Behind Act of 2011, P.L. 107-110, section 1116 and Title IX, Section 9532.

##### B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-67-410 et seq. – School bus transportation.
2. Section 59-67-545 – Authorizes certain adults to ride school buses.

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3. Section 59-5-2770 – Signals and markings on school buses; meeting, overtaking and passing school bus; loading passengers along multi-lane highways.
  4. Section 59-67-160 – Physical examination of school bus driver.
- C. State Board of Education Regulations:
1. R-43-80 through R-43-82 – Transportation.