

## **PROPOSED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

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### **Policy Identification**

**Priority:** Twenty-First Century Systems

**Category:** Transportation

**Policy ID Number:** TCS-H-010

**Policy Title:** Policies governing School Bus Drivers and Activity Bus Drivers

**RATIONALE:** Currently an individual may be licensed to drive an activity bus without a single day of training. Most LEAs already require activity bus drivers to complete school bus driver training.

**Current Policy Date:**

**Other Historical Information:**

**Statutory Reference:** GS 115C-240(a); GS 20-218(a)

Drivers of school buses and activity buses shall maintain a Commercial Drivers License with a Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) endorsement (CDL-P,S) as required by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Beginning July 1, 2010, any driver of a school activity bus being licensed with a CDL-P,S for the first time shall also maintain a school bus driver's certificate as defined in G.S. 20-218(a).

**FOR REFERENCE, G.S. 20-218(a):** Standard qualifications for school bus drivers; speed limit for school buses and school activity buses.

*(a) Qualifications. – No person shall drive a school bus over the highways or public vehicular areas of North Carolina while it is occupied by children unless the person furnishes to the superintendent of the schools of the county in which the bus shall be operated a certificate from any representative duly designated by the Commissioner and from the Director of Transportation or a designee of the Director in charge of school buses in the county showing that the person has been examined by them and is fit and competent to drive a school bus over the highways and public vehicular areas of the State. The driver of a school bus must be at least 18 years of age and hold a Class A, B, or C commercial drivers license and a school bus driver's certificate. The driver of a school activity bus must meet the same qualifications as a school bus driver or must have a license appropriate for the class of vehicle being driven.*