

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

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### **Policy Identification**

**Priority:** Twenty-First Century Systems

**Category:** Transportation

**Policy ID Number:** TCS-H-009

**Policy Title:** Policies governing LEA rules and regulations related to charter transportation for school-related events and activities

**RATIONALE:** To ensure safety of students on school activity trips. Policy requested by the NC School Boards Association, NC Pupil Transportation Association and the NC Motorcoach Association. Recommended by the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at NCSU in lieu of a statewide permit for motorcoach operators.

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

LEAS shall maintain a list of approved companies (the “approved list”) authorized to provide transportation services for school-related events.

LEAs may work cooperatively with other LEAs as members of a consortium to develop and utilize regional or statewide lists of approved companies.

LEAs shall adopt and keep on file in the office of the superintendent rules, regulations and policies to assure the safety of students when contracting for services to provide transportation for students and school groups attending school-related events. These rules, regulations and policies shall, at a minimum, address the following:

1. Procedures for development of an approved list of transportation providers. Each LEA shall maintain a list of approved companies (the “approved list”) authorized to provide contracted transportation services for school-related events. A list developed cooperatively with other LEAs as members of a consortium is acceptable
2. Procedures for ensuring that a contract for any trip is made only with companies on the approved list and ensures the appropriate number of vehicles and drivers for the trip.
3. Procedures to provide safety and evacuation training to all students prior to any trip.

In adopting rules, regulations and policies, LEAs shall consult the Recommended Guidelines and Procedures developed by the School Charter Transportation Safety Committee.