

SUPPORT SERVICES TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS - POLICY EEAE

The Carteret County Board of Education is concerned for the safety of students while being transported to school sponsored activities and on school sponsored field trips away from school.

It is the policy of the Board for schools to provide student transportation to and from school sponsored activities and on school sponsored field trips by school bus or activity bus as the preferred method of transportation when practical.

Adopted 10/97

REGULATION

Students shall be transported by school bus or activity bus to and from all off campus school sponsored activities when practical. However, activity buses will not be used on any trip involving travel out of the states of North Carolina, Virginia, or South Carolina. School buses should never be used for out of state travel. Instead, charter buses are to be used as an acceptable alternative and must meet the guidelines as put forth in Regulation EEBB. School administrators, coaches, faculty members, and staff members (each referred to as the "faculty sponsor") involved with the activity shall arrange for student transportation, subject to rules that may be adopted by the principal of the school.

Occasionally, use of buses is impractical. Typically, this occurs when significantly less than a bus load of students need to be transported to or from a school activity (for example transportation of quiz bowl teams and golf teams). Also, there are occasions when, for convenience or personal reasons, a parent needs or would like to transport his/her own child by private vehicle to or from off campus activities, or would like for a parent of their child's schoolmate to transport their child by private vehicle. This typically occurs after a school activity when parents often want to take their child straight home.

When transportation by bus is impractical, or under circumstances deemed appropriate by the faculty sponsor for the convenience of parents, the faculty sponsor has the discretion to allow students to be transported in private vehicles driven by faculty sponsors or parents.

Transportation of students to or from off campus school activities in private vehicles driven by other students is not permitted.

If a student is permitted by a faculty sponsor to travel to or from an off campus school activity with someone other than the student's own parent or legal guardian, the faculty sponsor shall require a parent or legal guardian of the student to sign a permission slip

and release of liability, substantially in the form attached to this regulation. **Permission slips shall be kept on file at a central location in each school for an indefinite time period but not less than three years.**

Participation in "in-county" events that involve student groups (for example parades, festivals, fairs, and events at the Civic Center), are not deemed "off campus school activities" for purposes of this regulation, unless designated as such by the faculty sponsor or school principal, and these regulations are inapplicable to student transportation to and from such events.

Each principal has the authority to establish rules more restrictive than this policy for his/her school. Additionally, each faculty sponsor, subject to rules established by his/her principal, may also impose rules more restrictive than these regulations. (For example, a coach can require all team members to travel to a game on an activity bus, even if the coach allows parents to take their students home after the game).

Adopted 10/97
Revised August 2002

CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY

Date: _____

School: _____

Student: _____

School
Activity: _____

Transporting
Party: _____

The undersigned is the parent or guardian of the above named Student. The undersigned gives permission for the Student to be transported in a private vehicle between the School (or home of the Student) and the School Activity by the Transporting Party. The undersigned, on his/her on behalf, and on behalf of the Student, releases the Carteret County Board of Education and it's employees, including its board members, teachers, coaches, and administrators, from any and all liability, damages, claims, and judgments, of every kind and nature arising out of, or in any way relating to, any injury or death to the Students, or for property damage, occurring during, or on account of transportation of the Student by the Transporting Party between the School (or Student's home) and the School Activity. Notwithstanding this general release, the actual Transporting Party, even if an employee of the Carteret County Board of Education, is not released from liability for his/her operation of his/her vehicle, but only to the extent that Transporting Party is covered with liability insurance. Further, the undersigned agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Carteret County Board of Education and its employees, including its board members, teachers, coaches, and administrators, from all claims demands, liabilities, or judgments for personal injury or death to the Student, or others, or property damage; except, however, if the Transporting Party is an employee of the Carteret County Board of Education, and acting within the course and scope of his/her duties, this indemnity shall not apply to claims and liabilities against the actual Transporting Party for his/her operation of his/her vehicle, but only to the extent of the limits of liability insurance insuring the Transporting Party.

Parent or Guardian of the above named Student

Adopted 10/97