No school bus, activity bus or other school-owned vehicle will be operated without state or locally purchased insurance to cover bodily injury and property damage. School buses will not be used for any purpose or any circumstance not covered by the State Tort Claims Act unless liability insurance has been purchased to cover such purpose or circumstance. Only activity buses and other vehicles meeting federal safety standards may be used for approved school-related activities. The superintendent or designee and principals shall monitor compliance with this policy.

In order to be covered by the State Tort Claims Act, school bus drivers will be paid at least in part from state funds. If no state funds are used, insurance will be purchased to cover bodily injury and property damage.

Legal References: 49 U.S.C. 30125, 30165; G.S. 115C-42, -47(25), -239, -242, -257, 258, -259; G.S. 143, art. 31; Memorandum to All Superintendents from Eddie M. Speas, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General, January 14, 1988

Cross References: Insurance (policy 8340)

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