

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Policies governing activity bus drivers

1. Definitions:

- a. "CDL Activity Bus" means a school activity bus (G.S. 20-4.01) built to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver.
- b. "School bus driver's certificate" means a certificate issued by a duly designated representative of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and the Director of Transportation, or a designee of the Director in charge of school buses in the county which shows that he or she has been examined and has been certified fit and competent to drive a school bus over the highways and public vehicular areas of the State. (G.S. 20-218)
- 2. LEAs shall require individuals who transport students to or from a school-related activity in a CDL Activity Bus to hold a valid Commercial Drivers License with a Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) endorsement (CDL-P/S) as required by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
- 3. Beginning July 1, 2010, LEAs shall require individuals being initially licensed with a CDL-P/S, who transport students to or from a school-related activity in a CDL Activity Bus, to also hold a school bus driver's certificate.
- 4. Beginning July 1, 2015, LEAs shall not permit any individual to transport students in a CDL Activity Bus unless he or she holds both a CDL-P/S license and valid school bus driver's certificate.

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