No school bus, activity bus or other school-owned vehicle will be operated without bodily injury and property damage protection provided through the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or through locally purchased liability coverage. School buses will not be used for any purpose or in any circumstance not covered by the State Tort Claims Act unless liability coverage 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.

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, available at https://www.ncsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/AG-Memo-1988.pdf

Cross References: Insurance (policy 8340)

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