Policy Code:

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 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 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.

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 <u>https://www.ncsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/AG\_Memo-1988.pdf</u>

Cross References: Insurance (policy 8340)

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Remarks:

Contacted Karen Carswell, State Attorney General's Tort Claims Agent for Western Region – Ms. Carswell confirmed Extra Yellow Bus Use with driver salary paid through local funds ARE covered in the event of claim.