

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

The Lynchburg City Schools shall own, operate, house, and maintain school buses for the purpose of transporting elementary, middle and senior high school students to and from school, and for other approved uses.

Legal Reference:

Code of Va., § 22.1-176. Transportation of authorized; when fee may be charged; contributions; regulations of Board of Education.--"A. School boards may provide for the transportation of pupils, but nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring such transportation except as provided in § 22.1-221.

B. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for extracurricular activities, other than those covered by an activity fund, which are sponsored by the pupils' school apart from the regular instructional program and which the pupils are not required to attend or participate in, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation or charge each pupil utilizing such transportation a reasonable fee not to exceed his pro rata share of the cost of providing such transportation. A school board may waive such fees for any pupil whose parent or guardian is financially unable to pay them.

C. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for field trips which are a part of the program of the pupils' school or are sponsored by such school, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation.

D. The Board of Education shall promulgate such regulations as shall be in the public interest to effect the intent of this section." (1980)

Code of Va., § 22.1-182. Use of school buses for public purposes. The school board of any school division may enter into agreements with the governing body of any county, city or town in the school division, any state agency or any agency established or identified pursuant to United States Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto providing for the use of the school buses of such school division by such agency or by departments, boards, commissions or officers of such county, city or town for public purposes, including transportation for the elderly. Each such agreement shall provide to reimbursing the school board in full for the proportionate share of any and all costs, both fixed and variable, of such buses incurred by such school board attributable to the use of such buses pursuant to such agreement. The governing body, state agency or agency established or identified pursuant to United States Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto shall indemnify and hold harmless the school board from any and all liability of the school board by virtue of use of such buses pursuant to any agreement authorized herein. (1980)

Code of Va., § 22.1-183. When warning lights and identification to be covered. – It shall be unlawful for a school bus licensed in this Commonwealth to be operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth for the purpose of transporting persons or

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commodities other than school personnel, school children or elderly or mentally or physically handicapped persons unless the letter identification and school bus traffic warning lights on the front and rear of such bus are covered with some opaque detachable material. This section shall not apply to any such bus when operated by a salesman or demonstrator in connection with a prospective sale or delivery of a bus. (1980)

Code of Va., § 22.1-184. – School bus emergency drills. At every public school having public school buses there shall be held, at least once during the first ninety calendar days of each school session and oftener if necessary, a drill in learning school buses under emergency circumstances. (1980)

Code of Va., § 22.1-221. Transportation of handicapped children attending public or private special education programs.--"A. Each disabled child enrolled in and attending a special education program provided by the school division pursuant to any of the provisions of § 22.1-216 or § 22.1-218 shall be entitled to transportation to and from such school or class at no cost if such transportation is necessary to enable such child to obtain the benefit of educational programs and opportunities.

B. A school board may, in lieu of providing transportation on an approved school bus, allot funds to pay the reasonable cost of special arrangement transportation. The Board of Education shall reimburse the school board sixty (60) percent of such cost if funds therefore are available.

C. Costs for operating approved school buses while used exclusively for transporting handicapped children shall be reimbursed according to the regulations promulgated by the Board of Education from such state funds as are appropriated for this purpose." (1996)

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