

160-5-3-.02 CONTRACTED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Governing Body** – the local board of education, governing board, or other entity responsible for the governance and oversight of a Local Educational Agency.

(b) **Local Educational Agency (LEA)** – a public authority legally constituted by the state as an administrative agency to provide control of and direction for kindergarten through grade 12 public educational institutions.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Governing Bodies and LEAs shall ensure that all contractors transporting students meet the vehicle and driver requirements set forth in State Board of Education rules related to the transportation of students to and from school and school related activities.

(b) Prior to entering into an agreement with a motor carrier or contract carrier for the purpose of transporting students, an LEA must (1) verify that such carrier is certified by the Regulatory Compliance Commission (RCC) of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by obtaining the carrier's valid certification number and (2) receive a copy of the carrier's proof of legally required minimum insurance coverage.

(c) All drivers of vehicles used for the transport of students must authorize the Georgia DPS to conduct a criminal background check through the Georgia Crime Information Center. Drivers who reside in and are licensed in other states must provide a statewide criminal background check from the state of residence to the DPS.

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