

**AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO RIDE AS PASSENGERS  
ON SCHOOL BUSES WITH PUPILS**

WHEREAS Chapter 598 of the Laws of 1989, which took effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor, amends the Education Law by adding a new section 1502;

WHEREAS Education Law 1502 authorizes boards of education of school districts located entirely or partly in any county with less than two hundred thousand (200,000) population or any town which has a population of less than one hundred fifty (150) persons per square mile to permit the following persons to ride as passengers on school buses with pupils:

1. residents who are enrolled in education or training programs, e.g., alternative education programs, vocational, and on-the-job training;
2. employees of school districts or other educational or training institutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as a BOCES that meets the population criteria outlines above, in order to protect the interests of pupils, we hereby adopt the following rules and regulations under which those individuals meeting the criteria enumerated above would be permitted to ride as passengers on any school bus that provides pupils transportation for the BOCEOS during the hours such bus is transporting pupils to and from classes:

1. the BOCES will, subject to the criteria enumerated below, transport such individuals in accordance with its established runs and schedule. Runs and/or schedules will not be changed to accommodate such individuals;
2. there must be regularly sufficient space on such school bus to permit all pupils to be seated while such bus is in operation;
3. individuals must submit an application to the BOCES Business Office, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the BOCES as explained on the application, and such application must be approved by the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES;
4. any amount charged such individual may not exceed the cost to the district for transporting a pupil the same distance;