



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-83-04 Scope and definitions.

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### (A) Scope.

(1) The rules in this chapter are designed to establish minimum requirements for a safe pupil transportation program, including management, general operation, maintenance of school buses and other transportation vehicles, training of personnel, pupil management, driver qualifications and emergency procedures.

(2) The rules in this chapter apply to all student transportation operations pursuant to section 4511.76 of the Revised Code.

(3) The rules in this chapter do not apply to parental transportation that is provided outside the authority of a school or education program, or by any parent for their own children.

### (B) Definitions. As contained in this chapter:

(1) "Barrier" is the restraining barrier that meets the specifications in paragraph (RR)(1) of rule 4501-5-02 of the Administrative Code.

(2) "Designated place of safety" means the place assigned to each pupil on the residence side of the roadway on which the vehicle is scheduled to stop, in accordance with paragraph (B)(6) of rule 3301-83-13 of the Administrative Code.

(3) "Measurement of distance," unless otherwise specified, means measurement originating at a point on the traveled portion of the roadway nearest the primary entrance to the place of residence and then along the most direct route traversable excluding interstate routes by motor vehicle to the school bus loading area nearest and opposite the entrance door used by pupils transported.

(4) "Motor van " means a vehicle originally designed for not more than twelve passengers, not



including the driver.

(5) "Non-routine student transportation," "non-routine trips", or "non-routine use" means transportation of passengers for purposes other than regularly scheduled routes to and from school, including but not limited to transportation to school-related events.

(6) "School bus owner" or "motor van owner" means the board of education of a city, local or exempted village school district, the governing board of an educational service center, county boards of developmental disabilities, and the governing authority of all non-public schools, community schools, private contractors and head start programs.