

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Education
Bureau of Educational Administration and Management Support Services
Box 911, Harrisburg, PA 17126

CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS

All contracts for transportation of school pupils, including pupil transportation by taxicab, shall be executed in accordance with this form except when pupil transportation is to be provided on a fare basis by public conveyances.

To qualify for reimbursement one executed copy of this contract shall be submitted to the Department of Education for approval prior to its effective date or within 30 school days thereafter. Individual school entities will be notified of approval of operation by the Department of Education.

THIS AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO THIS 22nd DAY OF September 2026 BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SYSTEM, OF LANCASTER COUNTY, Inter. Unit # 13 HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE BOARD, AND HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL of EPHRATA, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE CONTRACTOR, WITNESSETH:

1. For the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide transportation for school pupils who shall be designated by the BOARD, to and from such points, along and over such routes, and at times set forth in schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof for the school year of 2026-27
2. The BOARD shall pay the CONTRACTOR the sum of Five and 35/100 DOLLARS (\$5.35) each day per pupil he transports said pupils. The number of students is Twenty (20), with this contract sum total being \$19,260.00 for 180 school days. If there is a change in this sum, a new contract shall be executed and submitted immediately to the Department of Education for approval.
3. Transportation upon the terms and conditions herein specified in items 1 to 20 inclusive and in accordance with the schedule reported on DEBE-1565 shall begin on August 26, 2026.
4. This contract shall terminate on June 30, 2027 unless terminated earlier for causes or mutual consent of the parties hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties above named have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

CONTRACTOR:

Social Security or Tax Number: 23-2170831

Contractor Name: Hinkletown Mennonite School

Address: 272 Wanner Road, Ephrata PA 17522

Administrator: Camille Bartlett

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF CONESTOGA VALLEY:

President: Mark Gensel Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: Marilyn Martin Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: 502 Mt Sidney Rd, Lancaster PA 17601

5. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish vehicles which conform to the standards for school transportation vehicles approved by the Department of Traffic Safety of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Public Utility Commission and Mass Transit Authorities as applicable. School buses and Type A vehicles shall meet the minimum standard of the Bureau of Traffic Safety and shall pass annual inspection by the Pennsylvania State Police during the month of August. Type B and C school vehicles shall conform to the minimum standards of the Bureau of Traffic Safety. All vehicles shall conform to the provision of the laws of the Commonwealth, and shall be in good mechanical and sanitary condition.
6. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with and observe all provisions of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code and all other applicable laws.
7. Every school bus driver shall meet all the regulations of the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the Pennsylvania Department of Traffic Safety of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in regard to application, age, fitness, competence, conduct, licensing, physical examination, and continuing eligibility, provided, that such operations shall have passed periodically administered physical examinations required by either the Public Utility Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Department of Transportation.
8. The service rendered under this contract shall be as indicated on DEBE-1565
9. Bus routes and bus stops shall be determined by the Board and may be modified by the Board as occasion demands. The operator shall not deviate from the designated route except by written consent of the Board or, in the case of an emergency, which shall be reported promptly to the BOARD or the Board's designated representative.
10. An operating time schedule shall be prepared by the BOARD in cooperation with the CONTRACTOR. This schedule shall designate the time and place of all bus stops, both morning and evening, and shall be posted in the bus and at the school. The bus shall not depart from any designated stop before two minutes after the scheduled time unless all pupils to be transported from that point are aboard. The time schedule may be modified by the BOARD as occasion demands but only after due notice has been given to parents and operator.
11. Pupils shall be taken on and discharged from the bus only at the designated stops and at extreme right of the road. No pupils shall be permitted to get on or off the bus while it is in motion. No school bus operator shall start his bus or signal the driver of any vehicle, who has stopped in compliance with the provisions of Section 3208 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, to proceed until after each child who may have alighted there from shall have reached a place of safety.
12. No person other than a school pupil shall be transported in a school vehicle except that a teacher or other school official may ride when designed by the BOARD. Nothing except passengers and their belongings shall be transported in the school vehicle while it is engaged in transporting pupils to and from school.
13. The vehicle shall come to a complete stop immediately before traversing railway or trolley grade crossings and shall make a complete stop at all highway intersections protected by a "stop" sign.
14. A school bus, including Type A vehicles shall not be loaded beyond the seating capacity as set forth in minimum standards and as indicated on the "Approved School Bus Sticker". All other public conveyances when transporting school children under contract shall provide adequate seating for each student with no standees permitted.
15. The speed of a vehicle shall at all times be consistent with the safety of the passengers and shall at no time exceed the speed limit as set forth in the minimum standards of the Bureau of Traffic Safety, Penn Dot, as promulgated from the Vehicle Code.
16. It is understood and agreed to by both parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR, while engaged in carrying out and complying with any of the terms and conditions of this contract, is an INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR and is not an officer, agent or employee of the aforesaid school district.
17. This contract shall not be transferred. Another school bus which has been lawfully certified for current use in Pennsylvania and/or another properly certified driver may be substituted in emergencies upon consent of the BOARD or the designated representative; but only for the duration of the emergency.
18. Any violation of the terms of this contract may, at the option of the BOARD, operate as a cause for termination in accordance with Item 4.
19. The BOARD shall adjust all matters arising out of this contract not specifically provided for therein.
20. Attach all additional conditions between the BOARD and CONTRACTOR that have not been listed.