



BOARD POLICY

810-DRAFT-2 Transportation Draft

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Purpose

Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.

Definitions

School bus means a motor vehicle that is designed to carry eleven (11) passengers or more, including the driver, and is used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students to or from public, private or parochial schools or events related to such schools or school-related activities.[\[1\]](#)

School vehicle means a motor vehicle, except a motorcycle, designed for carrying no more than ten (10) passengers, including the driver, and used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students while registered by or under contract to the school district. The term includes vehicles having chartered, group and party rights under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and used for the transportation of school children.[\[1\]](#)

Authority

The Board shall provide transportation for resident students in grades kindergarten through 12 to the district's public schools and charter, regional charter and nonpublic schools located in the district or within the district's transportation boundary or other placements as required by law or agreements. The district's transportation boundary is a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles by the nearest public highway outside the school district's border.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

The District shall purchase, lease, equip and maintain school buses/vehicles and/or contract for school bus/vehicle services for transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for field trips and extracurricular activities.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#) [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[10\]](#)
[\[11\]](#)

The District shall provide transportation for students living within the prescribed limits when walking conditions to the school are found to be hazardous by the Department of Transportation.[\[3\]](#)[\[12\]](#)

The District shall provide transportation for students with disabilities, without regard to distance or hazardous walking conditions, when required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.^{[13][14][15][16][17]}

The District shall provide **free** transportation for eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required by law. **Transportation provided to charter school students need not be identical to transportation provided to traditional public school students.**^{[2][4][18][19]}

The District shall provide transportation for children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan.^{[20][21]}

The District shall provide transportation for homeless children and youths in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.^{[21][22]}

~~A school bus driver shall not be employed until such driver has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the District and/or the District's contractor has evaluated the results of that screening process.~~^{[40][22][23][24][25][26]}

~~District bus drivers and/or the District's transportation contract carriers shall be responsible to inform the District in writing at the beginning of each school year whether or not they or any of their employees:~~^{[22][25]}

- ~~1. Have been charged, subsequent to approval as a District bus driver, with a criminal offense that would bar their employment as bus drivers or contracted service providers.~~
- ~~2. Were charged with a crime deemed 'serious' under the criteria established by law.~~
- ~~3. Have been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect their suitability to have direct contact with children.~~

~~This responsibility is in addition to the requirement for clearances that must be presented to the District when an individual is initially hired by the District or the contract carriers.~~^{[40][26]}

~~The District and contract carriers shall have procedures in place to ensure they are notified by their employees when the employees are charged with crimes or child abuse. The procedures shall also include the provision that the failure on the part of employees to make such a timely notification shall subject them to disciplinary action, including termination.~~^{[40][22][25][27]}

~~If any bus driver has been charged as stated in this policy, the transportation contract carriers shall, in their written, yearly notification, include the name of the bus driver, nature of the offense, and the status of the disposition. The District will review this information to determine if the bus driver shall continue to transport District students.~~

The District prohibits any diesel-powered motor vehicle weighing 10,001 pounds or more to idle for more than five (5) minutes in any continuous sixty-minute period while parked, loading or unloading, except as allowed by law.^[23]

The District shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions, are maintained on district property at locations where diesel-powered motor vehicles weighing 10,001 pounds or more load or unload. Signs shall also be posted at locations that provide fifteen (15) or more parking spaces for such diesel-powered motor vehicles.[\[24\]](#)[\[25\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The school bus/vehicle driver shall be responsible to maintain order while students are being transported.

The school bus/vehicle driver shall report all incidents, including, but not limited to, discipline problems, medical problems, bullying/harassment, safety issues, accidents or injuries, and violations of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

The building principal may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation.[\[7\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:

1. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation.[\[5\]](#)[\[7\]](#)
2. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the district.[\[7\]](#)
3. Provide each school bus/school vehicle driver with:
 - a. The Pennsylvania School Bus Driver's Manual;
 - b. The written rules for student conduct on buses/vehicles
 - c. The procedures for evacuation drills; and
 - d. Any additional laws and applicable Board policies and administrative regulations which apply to school bus/vehicle drivers.
4. Establish administrative regulations that specify the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities and field trips.[\[7\]](#) [\[26\]](#)
5. Prepare a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route.[\[7\]](#)

Guidelines

Student Health Information

When necessary for student safety, or when required by a student's IEP or Section 504 Service Agreement, a school bus/vehicle driver shall be provided with relevant student health and medical information. [\[16\]](#) [\[17\]](#) [\[27\]](#) [\[28\]](#) [\[29\]](#) [\[30\]](#)

School bus/vehicle drivers shall maintain the confidentiality of student health/medical information in accordance with district policies and procedures and applicable law. [\[31\]](#) [\[32\]](#)

Evacuation Drills

Bus evacuation drills shall be conducted twice a year and reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with law and Board policy.[\[33\]](#)[\[34\]](#)[\[35\]](#)

NOTES:

Title 22, Sec. 23.4 - discipline, field trips, contracted negotiations, records

Title 22, Sec. 23.6 - authorized passengers

Computation of distance - 1366

Field Trips – 24 P.S. Sec. 517 (farm show), 1361 (nonpublic); Title 22, Sec. 23.4

Ten-mile boundaries - 1361

Other boundaries - 1 ½ miles - 1362

Payments/reimbursements - 2541, 2542, Title 22 Sec. 23.31-23.40

Transportation - Title 22, Chapter 23

School Buses/Vehicles - Title 67, Chapter 171

Bus Drivers Minor Children – Title 22 Sec. 23.6

Definitions of motor vehicle – Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102

If the district has existing language in policy on transportation routes and stops, which addresses students being limited to a single bus stop or single residence, recommend reviewing the language with the solicitor based on recent court cases regarding student transportation and residency (*Watts v Manheim Township SD*, *Wyland v West Shore SD*). Consult Legal with questions.

Legal Footnotes

[1] 75 Pa. C.S.A. 102
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1361
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 24 P.S. 1362
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] 24 P.S. 1726-A
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] 22 PA Code 23.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] 22 PA Code 23.2
LEGAL REFERENCE

[7] 22 PA Code 23.4
LEGAL REFERENCE

[8] Pol. 610 — Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] Pol. 611 — Purchases Budgeted
POLICY REFERENCE

[10] Pol. 818 — Contracted Services Personnel
POLICY REFERENCE

[11] 75 Pa. C.S.A. 3345.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] 67 PA Code 447.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[13] 22 PA Code 23.3
LEGAL REFERENCE

[14] 24 P.S. 1374
LEGAL REFERENCE

[15] Pol. 103 — Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
POLICY REFERENCE

[16] Pol. 103.1 — Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities
POLICY REFERENCE

[17] Pol. 113 — Special Education
POLICY REFERENCE

[18] Pol. 140 — Charter Schools
POLICY REFERENCE

[20] 20 U.S.C. 6312
LEGAL REFERENCE

[21] Pol. 251 — Homeless Students
POLICY REFERENCE

[22] 42 U.S.C. 11432
LEGAL REFERENCE

[23] 35 P.S. 4601
LEGAL REFERENCE

[24] 35 P.S. 4608
LEGAL REFERENCE

[25] 67 PA Code 212.101
LEGAL REFERENCE

[26] Pol. 121 — Field Trips
POLICY REFERENCE

[27] Pol. 209.1
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[28] Pol. 209.2
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[29] Pol. 210 — Medications
POLICY REFERENCE

[30] Pol. 210.1 — Medication/Treatment Guidelines
POLICY REFERENCE

[31] Pol. 113.4 — Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
POLICY REFERENCE

[32] Pol. 216 — Student Records
POLICY REFERENCE

[33] 24 P.S. 1517
LEGAL REFERENCE

[34] 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4552
LEGAL REFERENCE

[35] Pol. 805 — Emergency Preparedness and Response
POLICY REFERENCE

Legal References

No additional references listed.

