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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 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 students living within the prescribed limits when walking conditions to the school are found to be hazardous by the Department of Transportation. [\[3\]](#)[\[11\]](#).

The Board 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. [\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#)

The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required by law. [\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[17\]](#)

The Board shall provide transportation for children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan. [\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)

The Board shall provide transportation for homeless children and youths in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations. [\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#)

The Board 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.[\[22\]](#)

The Board 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.[\[23\]](#)[\[24\]](#)

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 Board Policies, administrative regulations (if prepared), and additional information as required by the law.
4. 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.[\[16\]](#)[\[26\]](#)[\[27\]](#)[\[28\]](#)[\[29\]](#)

School bus/vehicle drivers shall maintain the confidentiality of student health/medical information in accordance with district policies and procedures and applicable law.[\[30\]](#)[\[31\]](#)

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.[\[32\]](#)[\[33\]](#)[\[34\]](#)

Legal

[1. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 102](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 1361](#)

[3. 24 P.S. 1362](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 1726-A](#)

[5. 22 PA Code 23.1](#)

[6. 22 PA Code 23.2](#)

[7. 22 PA Code 23.4](#)

8. Pol. 610

9. Pol. 611
10. Pol. 818
[11. 67 PA Code 447.1 et seq](#)
[12. 22 PA Code 23.3](#)
[13. 24 P.S. 1374](#)
14. Pol. 103
15. Pol. 103.1
16. Pol. 113
17. Pol. 140
[18. 20 U.S.C. 6312](#)
19. Pol. 255
[20. 42 U.S.C. 11432](#)
21. Pol. 251
[22. 35 P.S. 4601 et seq](#)
[23. 35 P.S. 4608](#)
[24. 67 PA Code 212.101](#)
25. Pol. 121
26. Pol. 209.1
27. Pol. 209.2
28. Pol. 210
29. Pol. 210.1
30. Pol. 113.4
31. Pol. 216
[32. 24 P.S. 1517](#)
[33. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4552](#)
34. Pol. 805
[24 P.S. 1331](#)
[24 P.S. 1365](#)
[24 P.S. 1366](#)
[24 P.S. 2541](#)
[24 P.S. 2542](#)
[22 PA Code 15.1 et seq](#)
[22 PA Code 23.6](#)
[75 Pa. C.S.A. 4551-4553](#)
[20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq](#)
[42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq](#)
[49 CFR Part 37](#)
[49 CFR Part 38](#)
Pol. 810.1