

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION	
1. Purpose	Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and the following guidelines.
2. Authority SC 1361, 1362 Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4	The Board shall purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles and/or contract for school bus services for the transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for the transportation of students on school-related activities.
SC 1362 Title 67 Sec. 447.1	When the distance is beyond the limits for a walker as defined by the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students. The Board shall also provide transportation for eligible resident students living within the limits of this policy when the walking conditions to the school are found to be hazardous by the Department of Transportation.
SC 1374 Title 22 Sec. 23.3 Pol. 103	The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students with disabilities without regard to distance, when transportation services are required in order to implement a student's individualized education plan (IEP) or Section 504 service plan. The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students attending the vocational technical school for the school district before the beginning of and after the end of the school day. No mid-day school transportation services will be provided to part-time, co-op or other vocational technical students.
SC 1361	The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students who are lawfully enrolled in any nonprofit, nonpublic school within the school district or within ten (10) miles beyond the school district boundary lines using the nearest public highway in compliance with Section 1361 of the Public School Code.

<p>SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq</p>	<p>No school bus driver shall be employed by the school district or its contractor for the transport of school district students until the bus driver has obtained all required clearances (including criminal history, child abuse and FBI) and the school district has evaluated the clearances.</p>
<p>SC 111, 527</p>	<p>A school bus driver, whether employed by the school district or a contracted carrier, shall be responsible to notify the school district, in writing, prior to the start of each school year if any of the following events have occurred:</p>
<p>SC 111, 527</p>	<p>1. S/He has been charged or convicted, subsequent to being approved as a school bus driver, with a criminal offense that would bar his/her employment as a school bus driver under Sections 111 or 527 of the Public School Code.</p>
<p>SC 514</p>	<p>2. S/He was convicted of a crime or summary offense that has resulted in the loss and/or suspension of his/her driver's license.</p>
<p>SC 514</p>	<p>3. S/He is charged with or convicted of a crime that constitutes improper conduct under Section 514 of Public School Code.</p>
<p>23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq</p>	<p>4. S/He has been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect suitability to have direct contact with students, or named as a perpetrator of child abuse under the Child Protective Services Law.</p>
<p>Pol. 317, 417, 517</p>	<p>The school district shall have sole authority to determine whether a school bus driver may continue to transport students for the school district when charges have been filed against that driver.</p>
<p>Pol. 317, 417, 517</p>	<p>The school district and any contracted carrier for the school district shall establish procedures to ensure that they are notified when an employee is charged with a criminal act or child abuse. Procedures shall indicate the disciplinary measures that will be issued against an employee for failure to timely notify his/her employer when a charge has occurred.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 23.4 Pol. 218</p>	<p>The school bus driver may verbally reprimand students for improper behavior occurring while they are on the school bus being transported to or from school. Student conduct on a school bus requiring more than a verbal reprimand shall be immediately reported to the school district. A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents/guardians are responsible for the student's transportation to and from school.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p>	<p>The Superintendent or a designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a schedule of bus stops and an itinerary of bus routes. 2. Maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education. 3. Promulgate rules governing student conduct during transport to and from school; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the Board. <p>The Board shall approve bus stops prior to the start of each school year. Bus stops shall only be changed by the Superintendent and his/her designee with the approval of the Board.</p> <p>Each student shall be assigned to no more than one (1) bus stop for the a.m. run and one (1) bus stop for the p.m. run. A student is only authorized to use his/her bus stop unless prior written permission is provided by a parent/guardian to use an alternate bus stop on a per event basis. The administration may restrict the use of an alternative bus stop for a student or students to ensure an orderly school transportation program.</p> <p>The person arranging for the transportation of students to and from any school-related activity shall also arrange for chaperones. At least one (1) teacher and/or chaperone for every twenty-five (25) students transported shall be required by the school district.</p> <p>In the event of a bus accident, the Transportation Coordinator shall be contacted as soon as possible by the bus dispatcher, highway patrol, police department and/or the bus driver. The Transportation Coordinator shall be told the location of the accident and whether there are any obvious injuries to school bus passengers, the bus driver or other persons. In the event of injuries, the Transportation Coordinator shall advise district administration. Students requiring medical attention will be transported to the hospital. A building principal or designee may report to the hospital to serve as a liaison between the Superintendent and the hospital, as deemed appropriate. The transportation contractor and/or the Transportation Coordinator are the only personnel that are authorized to release students to another school bus, activity or parent/guardian after an accident.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1331, 1361, 1362, 1365, 1366, 1374, 2541, 2542

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 15.1 et seq., 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.6

State Department of Transportation Regulations – 67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq.

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.

Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.

Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations – 49 CFR Part 37, Part 38

Board Policy – 103, 121, 303, 317, 404, 417, 504, 517