

Policy No. 810

Section OPERATIONS

# Policy Guide



Title TRANSPORTATION

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<b>POLICY NO. 810 TRANSPORTATION</b>	
<b>Section 1</b>	<p><b><u>Purpose</u></b></p> <p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.</p>
<b>Section 2</b>	<p><b><u>Definitions</u></b></p> <p><b>School bus</b> 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. <span style="float: right;">75 Pa. C.S.A. 102</span></p> <p><b>School-related vehicle</b> 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 or any other vehicle owned/leased by 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. <span style="float: right;">75 Pa. C.S.A. 102</span></p>
<b>Section 3</b>	<p><b><u>Authority</u></b></p> <p>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 <span style="float: right;">SC 1361, 1362, 1726-A</span></p>

<p><b>Section 4</b></p>	<p>district’s transportation boundary is a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles by the nearest public highway outside the school district’s border.</p> <p>The Board 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required by law.</p> <p>The Board shall provide transportation for children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan.</p> <p>The Board shall provide transportation for homeless children and youths in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></b></p> <p>The school bus/vehicle driver shall be responsible to maintain order while students are being transported.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>SC 1361, 1362 22 PA Code 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 Pol. 610, 611, 818</p> <p>SC 1362 67 PA Code 447.1 et seq</p> <p>SC 1361, 1726-A Pol. 139</p> <p>20 U.S.C. 6312</p> <p>42 U.S.C. 11432 Pol. 240</p> <p>35 P.S. 4601 et seq</p> <p>35 P.S. 4608 67 PA Code 212.101</p>
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<p><b>Section 5</b></p>	<p>Law to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation.</li> <li>2. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the District.</li> <li>3. Provide each school bus/school vehicle driver with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Pennsylvania School Bus Driver's Manual.</li> <li>b. The written rules for student conduct on buses/vehicles.</li> <li>c. The procedures for evacuation drills.</li> <li>d. Any additional laws and applicable Board policies and administrative regulations which apply to school bus/vehicle drivers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Prepare a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route.</li> </ol>	<p>22 PA Code 23.4</p> <p>22 PA Code 23.1, 23.4</p> <p>22 PA Code 23.4</p> <p>22 PA Code 23.4</p>
	<p><b><u>Guidelines</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Student Health Information</u></b></p>	
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Pol 113, 209.1, 209.2, 210, 210.1</p>
	<p>School bus/vehicle drivers shall maintain the confidentiality of student health/medical information in accordance with district policies and procedures and applicable law.</p>	<p>Pol. 113.4, 216</p>

	<p><u>Evacuation Drills</u></p> <p>Bus evacuation drills shall be conducted twice a year and reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with law and Board policy.</p> <p>Transportation services for preschool children will not be provided by the District.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>PA School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1361, 1362, 1374, 1517, 1726-A,</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4</p> <p>Every Student Succeeds Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6312</p> <p>Education for Homeless Children and Youths – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11432</p> <p>State Department of Transportation Regulations – 67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq.</p> <p>Pennsylvania Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102, 4552</p> <p>Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq., 4608</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 113, 113.4, 139, 209.1, 209.1, 210, 210.1, 216, 240, 610, 611, 805, 818</p> <p>Revision History: July 12, 2014; January 17, 2013; March 19, 2001</p>	<p>SC 1517 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4552 Pol. 805</p>
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