KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 KELTON AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15216

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 PM

BUSINESS/LEGISLATIVE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
7:00 PM
KEystone oaks school district
School directors’ calendar of coming events

September 10, 2019 – Work Session

7:00 PM Meeting

• Call to Order – President
• Pledge of Allegiance
• Public Comment
• Human Resources Report – Mr. Kubiak
• Review of Reports
• Public Comment
• Adjournment

September 17, 2019 – Business/Legislative

7:00 PM Meeting

• Call to Order – President
• Pledge of Allegiance
• Public Comment
• Approval of Reports
• Public Comment
• Adjournment
BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT
September 17, 2019

Ms. Patricia A. Shaw

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

I. BOARD MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board approve the Work Session Minutes of August 13, 2019 and the Business/Legislative Minutes of August 20, 2019.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. Parkway West Career and Technology Center Report  
   Ms. Annie Shaw

II. SHASDA Report  
    Mr. Santo Raso

III. PSBA/Legislative Report  
     Mrs. Theresa Lydon

IV. News from the Boroughs

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. BOARD COMMITTEES 2019

• Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation  
  *Mr. Cesario, Mr. Brownlee, Mr. Raso, Ms. Shaw, Mr. LaPorte
I. PROJECT SUCCEED CONTRACTS

It is recommended that the Board approve the following school districts for participation in Project Succeed for the 2019/2020 school year:

- Bethel Park School District
- Brentwood School District
- Carlynton School District
- Chartiers Valley School District
- Moon Area School District
- Mt. Lebanon School District
- Quaker Valley School District
- South Fayette School District
- Upper St. Clair School District

II. SECOND READING POLICY 140: LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

It is recommended that the Board approve the SECOND READING of Policy 140: Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners.

III. FIRST READING POLICY 810: TRANSPORTATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the FIRST READING of Policy 810: Transportation.

IV. FIRST READING POLICY 810.1: SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

It is recommended that the Board approve the FIRST READING of Policy 810.1: School Bus Drivers.

V. FIRST READING POLICY 810.2: TRANSPORTATION – VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

It is recommended that the Board approve the FIRST READING of Policy 810.2: Transportation – Video/Audio Recording.

VI. FIRST READING POLICY 810.3: SCHOOL VEHICLE DRIVERS

It is recommended that the Board approve the FIRST READING of Policy 810.3: School Vehicle Drivers.
VII. FIRST READING POLICY 818: CONTRACTED SERVICE PERSONNEL

It is recommended that the Board approve the FIRST READING of Policy 818: Contracted Service Personnel.

VIII. ABOLISH POLICIES

It is recommended that the Board abolish the following policies:

Policy 213: Assessment of Student Progress
Policy 230: Competitive Events, Public Performances & Related Trips
Policy 231: Social Events & Non-Competitive, Non-Public Performance-Related Trips
Policy 438.1: Compensated Professional Leave

IX. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It is recommended that the Board approve the following conference requests:

Dr. William P. Stropkaj  Allegheny Intermediate Unit Superintendents  No Cost to the District
Professional Development
Oakland, PA
October 9 – 11, 2019

Mrs. Sarah Welch  PenSPRA Fall Executive Board Meeting  $500.00
Carlisle, PA
November 15, 2019
BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

I. AGREEMENT FOR TITLE I NON-PUBLIC SERVICES

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide non-public Title I Services (instructional and parent involvement) for St. Bernard School in the amount of $11,316.00 to be paid from non-public share of Title I allocation.
BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

I. RESIGNATION

The Administration recommends that the Board accept the following resignation:

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Andrea Reynolds</td>
<td>Food Service Worker</td>
<td>September 3, 2019</td>
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II. APPOINTMENTS

1. Paraprofessional

   In compliance with the *Keystone Oaks Education Support Personnel Association Agreement 2018-2022*, the Administration recommends the employment of:

   **Summerlea McGuire**
   Paraprofessional – Personal Care Assistant – Myrtle Elementary
   Salary - $14.50/hour
   Effective – September 3, 2019

2. Food Service Personnel

   It is recommended that the Board approve the following Food Service Personnel:

   **Roxanne Beebe**
   Middle School and High School
   Salary - $9.50/hour
   Effective – August 20, 2019

   **Jodi Uhron**
   Middle School and High School
   Salary - $9.25/hour
   Effective – September 6, 2019
3. **Homebound Instructor**

In compliance with the *Keystone Oaks Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020*, it is recommended that the Board approve the following Homebound Instructor for the 2019/2020 school year:

Kimberly Smykal

4. **Approval of Club Sponsors and Stipends**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Club Sponsors and Stipends for the 2019/2020 school year:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sponsor</th>
<th>Club</th>
<th>Stipend</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kelly Connolly</td>
<td>Pep Club</td>
<td>$600.00 (split)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beth Smith</td>
<td>Pep Club</td>
<td>$600.00 (split)</td>
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5. **Change in Stipend Amount**

It is recommended that the Board approve the change in stipend amount for the following individual:

<table>
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<th>Sport</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Coach</th>
<th>Stipend</th>
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<tr>
<td>Girls Soccer (MS)</td>
<td>Coach</td>
<td>Matthew Paradise</td>
<td>$3,045.00</td>
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6. **Approval of Athletic Positions and Stipends**

In compliance with the *Keystone Oaks Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020*, it is recommended that the Board approve the following individual retroactive to August 29, 2019:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Sport</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Coach</th>
<th>Stipend</th>
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<tr>
<td>Girls Basketball (MS)</td>
<td>Coach</td>
<td>Keith Buckley</td>
<td>$3,070.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Girls Soccer (MS)</td>
<td>Assistant</td>
<td>Taylor Brownlee</td>
<td>$3,070.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Assistant</td>
<td>Edward Scott</td>
<td>$2,815.00</td>
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For Information Only

The hiring of Taylor Brownlee requires the waiver of *Board Policy No. 803: Nepotism* by six (6) disinterested Board Members considering the staffing need of the position. The minutes of this meeting will reflect that this is a vote to over-ride the Nepotism Policy, and also that there were no other qualified/experienced candidates for the position in question.
III. EXTRA DUTY INTRAMURALS

In compliance with the *Keystone Oaks Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020*, it is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for the 2019/2020 school year:

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<tr>
<th>Building</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Stipend Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Aiken Intramurals</td>
<td>Cailin Irvine</td>
<td>$ 833.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Michael Shuck</td>
<td>$1,666.66</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dormont Intramurals</td>
<td>Andrew Bell</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<td>Edward Hanna</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Myrtle Intramurals</td>
<td>Kelly Diven</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Kristie Rosgone</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the Board approve the following individual for Family and Medical Leave:

E.B. – Effective August 22, 2019
BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2019

The Administration recommends approval of the following Accounts Payable lists as presented in the Finance Package:

A. General Fund as of August 31, 2019 (Check No. 60175-60420) $2,065,731.21
B. Risk Management as of August 31, 2019 (None) $0.00
C. Food Service Fund as of August 31, 2019 (Check No. 9170-9172) $544.20
D. Athletics as of August 31, 2019 (Check No. 3126-3131) $2,800.40
E. Capital Reserve as of August 31, 2019 (Check No. 1633-1636) $91,029.92
F. Compensated Absences Fund as of August 31, 2019 (None) $0.00
G. OPEB Fund as of August 31, 2019 (None) $0.00

TOTAL $2,160,105.73

II. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the transfer of all funds from the Risk Management Fund to the General Fund to cover tax refunds for the 2017 tax year owed in the 2018/2019 school year, effective June 30, 2019.

III. CLOSE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

The Administration recommends that the Board approve to close the Risk Management Account with First National Bank.

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There are now no funds remaining in the account. Should the District become aware of any future appeals, the District can assign funds in the General Fund to cover those costs.
**I. EXPENDITURE/REVENUE 2019 – 2020 BUDGET to ACTUAL / PROJECTION**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCT</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>2019-2020 BUDGET</th>
<th>2019-2020 TOTAL</th>
<th>2 MONTH AUGUST/ACTUAL</th>
<th>OVER/UNDER BUDGET</th>
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<tr>
<td>6000</td>
<td>Local Revenue Sources</td>
<td>$30,223,490</td>
<td>$13,638,541</td>
<td>(16,584,949)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7000</td>
<td>State Revenue Sources</td>
<td>$12,272,835</td>
<td>$463,825</td>
<td>(11,809,010)</td>
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<tr>
<td>8000</td>
<td>Federal Revenue Sources</td>
<td>$666,330</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(666,330)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>$43,162,655</strong></td>
<td><strong>$14,102,366</strong></td>
<td>(29,060,289)</td>
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<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Salaries</td>
<td>$17,552,090</td>
<td>$737,378</td>
<td>16,814,712</td>
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<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Benefits</td>
<td>$11,027,539</td>
<td>$496,266</td>
<td>10,531,273</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>300</td>
<td>Professional/Technical Services</td>
<td>$1,558,997</td>
<td>$185,154</td>
<td>1,373,843</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>400</td>
<td>Property Services</td>
<td>$1,122,100</td>
<td>$127,851</td>
<td>994,249</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>Other Services</td>
<td>$5,399,722</td>
<td>$410,254</td>
<td>4,989,468</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>600</td>
<td>Supplies/Books</td>
<td>$1,444,142</td>
<td>$731,484</td>
<td>712,658</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>700</td>
<td>Equipment/Property</td>
<td>$635,152</td>
<td>$455,147</td>
<td>180,005</td>
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<tr>
<td>800</td>
<td>Other Objects</td>
<td>$566,455</td>
<td>$111,971</td>
<td>454,484</td>
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<tr>
<td>900</td>
<td>Other Financial Uses</td>
<td>$4,645,250</td>
<td>$2,750</td>
<td>4,642,500</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Expenditures</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>$43,951,447</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,258,255</strong></td>
<td>40,693,192</td>
<td></td>
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Revenues exceeding Expenditures

| **Revenues exceeding Expenditures** | | **$ (788,792)** | **$10,844,111** | 11,632,903 |

Other Financing Sources/(Uses)

| Interfund Transfers In (Out) | $ | - | - | - |
II. SUMMARY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bank Account - Status</th>
<th>Middle / High School</th>
<th>Athletics</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash Balance - 8/1/2019</td>
<td>$77,132.81</td>
<td>$6,621.53</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deposits</td>
<td>$47.55</td>
<td>$500.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>$77,180.36</td>
<td>$7,122.42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expenditures</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$5,689.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash Balance - 8/31/2019</td>
<td>$77,180.36</td>
<td>$1,433.12</td>
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III. BANK BALANCES

BANK BALANCES PER STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019

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<tr>
<td>BALANCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GENERAL FUND</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FNB BANK</td>
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<tr>
<td>PAYROLL (pass-thru account)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FNB SWEEP ACCOUNT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATHLETIC ACCOUNT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLGIT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FNB Money Market</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSDLAF</td>
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<tr>
<td>INVEST PROGRAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$16,386,205</td>
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| CAFETERIA FUND                                   |
| FNB BANK                                         | $475,337             |
| PLGIT                                            | $519,084             |
| $994,421                                         |

| CONSTRUCTION FUND / CAP RESERVE                  |
| FNB BANK                                         | $281,278             |
| PLGIT - G.O. BOND SERIES C OF 2014/ 12-18       | $792                 |
| $282,070                                         |

| RISK MANAGEMENT / TAX REFUNDS                    |
| FNB BANK                                         | $507,124             |

| OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND              |
| FNB BANK                                         | $1,955,805           |

| COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND                       |
| FNB BANK                                         | $423,921             |

| GRAND TOTAL                                     |
| $20,549,546                                      |
TRANSPORTATION REPORT
September 17, 2019

Mr. Matthew Cesario, Chairperson

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

I. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

It is recommended that the Board approve the Transportation Program for the 2019/2020 school year as presented in the Transportation Booklet.
Policy Guide

POLICY NO. 810.1
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS

Section 1
Purpose

The Board recognizes that an employee must be fit to operate a school bus and commercial motor vehicle to ensure the health and safety of students being transported. The Board also recognizes that an employee impaired by drugs or alcohol who operates district vehicles or transports students poses significant risks to the safety of students and others.

Section 2
Definitions

The following words and phrases, when used in this policy, shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

A covered driver shall include any district employee who drives, operates or is in the actual physical control or movement of a school bus or a commercial motor vehicle owned, leased or operated by the School District. The term includes drivers and mechanics who operate such vehicles, including full-time, regularly employed individuals; leased drivers; and independent owner-operator contractors who are directly employed by or under lease to the district or who operate a bus or commercial motor vehicle owned or leased by the District.
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**Commercial motor vehicle** - a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the vehicle:

1. Has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of 26,001 or more pounds, whichever is greater, inclusive of towed unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, whichever is greater;

2. Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 26,001 or more pounds, whichever is greater;

3. Is designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver; or

4. Is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded.

**Driving** – operating a commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle on a highway, with the motor running, including while the commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle is temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device or other momentary delay. The term does not include operating a commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle with or without the motor running if the driver moved the vehicle to the side of or off of a highway and halted in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.

**Electronic device** – an electronic device includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, pager, computer or any other device used to input, write, send, receive or read text.

**Mobile telephone** – a mobile communication device which uses a commercial mobile radio service.

**Safety-sensitive functions** include all on-duty functions performed from the time a driver begins work or is required to be ready to work until s/he is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. It includes driving; waiting to be dispatched; inspecting and servicing equipment.

|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
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supervising, performing or assisting in loading and unloading; repairing or obtaining and waiting for help with a disabled vehicle; and performing other requirements related to accidents.

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.

Texting - manually entering alphanumeric text into or reading text from an electronic device. The following shall apply:

1. The term includes, but is not limited to, short message service, emailing, instant messaging, a command or request to access an Internet web page, pressing more than a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication using a mobile telephone or engaging in any other form of electronic text retrieval or entry, for present or future communication.

2. The term does not include:

   a) Inputting, selecting or reading information on a global positioning system or navigation system.

   b) Pressing a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication using a mobile telephone.

   c) Using a device capable of performing multiple functions, including, but not limited to, fleet management systems, dispatching devices, citizens band radios and music players, for a purpose that is not prohibited by law.
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**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS**

**Use a handheld mobile telephone or other electronic device** –

1. Using at least one (1) hand to hold a mobile telephone to conduct a voice communication.

2. Dialing or answering a mobile telephone by pressing more than a single button.

3. Reaching for a mobile telephone in a manner that requires a driver to maneuver so that the driver is no longer in a seated driving position, restrained by a seat belt.

### Section 3  
**Authority**

The Board shall implement a drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program for employees who are required to hold a commercial driver’s license and who perform safety-sensitive functions in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.

All contracted transportation providers shall implement a drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program in accordance with federal law and regulations.

Covered drivers shall observe all state and federal laws and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations governing traffic safety and school bus and commercial motor vehicle operation.

The Board prohibits covered drivers from texting and from using a handheld mobile telephone or other electronic device while driving a school bus or commercial motor vehicle except when it is necessary to communicate with law enforcement officials or other emergency services.

### Section 4  
**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy and the requirements of law, which include the following components:
| POLICY NO. 810.1  
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS |
|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Selecting and contracting with a qualified medical review officer, substance abuse professional, a certified laboratory and other service agents as necessary.  
49 CFR 40.15 |
| 2. Establishment of procedures for required testing of covered drivers.  
49 CFR 382.105 |
| 3. Maintenance of the confidentiality of all aspects of the testing process.  
49 U.S.C. 31306 |
| 4. Delegation of responsibility for monitoring employee compliance with the provisions of Board policy and administrative regulations.  
49 CFR 40.3 |
| 5. Designation of an employee responsible for receiving and handling results of drug and alcohol tests.  
49 CFR 382.401 |
| 6. Implementation of procedures for the preparation, maintenance, retention and disclosure of records, as required by law.  
49 CFR 382.601 |
| 7. Distribution to affected employees of information and materials relevant to Board policies and administrative regulations regarding drug and alcohol testing.  
49 CFR 382.601 |
| 8. Distribution to affected employees of information and materials relevant to individuals or organizations that can provide counseling and treatment for drug and/or alcohol problems.  
49 CFR 382.601 |

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each driver, upon hire or transfer, with:

1. This policy and its accompanying administrative regulations; and  
49 CFR 382.601

2. Educational materials that explain the state and federal requirements related to misuse of alcohol and use of controlled substances.  
49 CFR 382.601
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The Superintendent or designee shall also provide notice to representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information.

The Board designates the Superintendent or Business Manager to be the contact person for questions about the drug use and alcohol misuse program.

Section 5
Guidelines
Employment Requirements

All covered drivers shall comply with the requirements for background checks/certifications and employment history reviews in accordance with applicable law, Board policy and administrative regulations. These requirements are addressed separately in Board policy 850 for drivers employed by the District and Board policy 818 for drivers employed by an independent contractor.

Prior to employment by the District as a covered driver or transfer to a covered driver position, the District shall obtain the following information in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations:

1. Alcohol and drug testing information from previous U.S. Department of Transportation-regulated employers during the past three (3) years with the covered driver’s written consent.

2. Commercial motor vehicle employment information for the past ten (10) years.

Additional Documentation -

Prior to employment by the District as a covered driver or transfer to a covered driver position, and at least once each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Obtain a copy of a valid commercial driver’s license indicating the appropriate endorsements from the covered driver;
# POLICY NO. 810.1
## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS

2. Obtain a copy of a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania School Bus Driver’s Physical Examination Form from the covered school bus driver;

3. Obtain a copy of a current Pennsylvania School Bus Endorsement card from the covered school bus driver;

4. Review each covered driver’s driving record to determine whether the driver meets the minimum requirements for safe driving and is not disqualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

Prior to employment by the District as a covered driver or transfer to a covered driver position, and every two (2) years, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate, if applicable.

### Reporting Requirements –

Covered drivers shall report misconduct in accordance with Board policy 817 for drivers employed by the District and Board policy 818 for drivers employed by an independent contractor.

Covered drivers using controlled substances prescribed for therapeutic purposes by a licensed medical practitioner shall submit the practitioner’s written statement that the prescribed substance will not adversely affect the employee’s ability to safely operate a school bus or commercial motor vehicle.

Covered drivers shall also inform their supervisors of any use of drug(s) or medication(s) for which the packaging includes warnings that, “marked drowsiness may occur and/or be careful when driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery.”

A covered driver charged with or issued a citation for violating a federal or state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control in this or any other state or any federal, provincial, territorial or municipal law relating to motor vehicle traffic control in Canada, other than parking violations, shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing before the end of the business day following the day the covered driver is charged or

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67 PA Code 71.3
67 PA Code 71.3
49 CFR 391.25
49 U.S.C. 31304
49 CFR 391.41
Pol. 818, 817
23 Pa. C.S.A.
6344.3
SC 111
49 CFR 382.213
49 CFR 382.213
49 CFR 382.213
POLICY NO. 810.1
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL
VEHICLE DRIVERS

cited. Notice is required no matter what type of vehicle
the driver was driving.

A covered driver who is convicted of violating a federal or state
law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control in
this or any other state or any federal, provincial, territorial or
municipal law relating to motor vehicle traffic control in
Canada, other than parking violations, shall notify the
Superintendent or designee in writing of the conviction within
thirty (30) days of the date of conviction. Notice is required no
matter what type of vehicle the driver was driving.

Any covered driver whose operating privilege is suspended,
revoked or canceled by any state, who loses the privilege to
drive a school bus or commercial motor vehicle in any state for
any period, or who is disqualified from driving a school bus or
commercial motor vehicle for any period, shall notify the
Superintendent or designee immediately upon reporting to work
for the next scheduled shift following the notice of the
suspension, revocation, cancellation, loss or disqualification.

Failure to comply with the reporting requirements may result in
disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

**Controlled Substances and Alcohol**

*Drug and Alcohol Testing* -

The District shall require covered drivers to submit to the
following drug and alcohol tests in accordance with state and
federal laws and regulations: pre-employment, random, post-
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*Prohibited Conduct* -

Covered drivers shall not use medical marijuana products.

Covered drivers shall not ingest hemp products or otherwise use
hemp products in a way that may result in absorption of hemp or
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POLICY NO. 810.1  
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND SCHOOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS

A covered driver shall not report for duty, drive, operate or be in the actual physical control of the movement of a school bus or commercial motor vehicle under the following circumstances:

1. While using or while having any amount of alcohol present in the body, including medications containing alcohol.

2. While under the influence of a controlled substance or combination of controlled substances, or the combined influence of alcohol and a controlled substance or substances.

3. After consuming alcohol or a controlled substance within the previous eight (8) hours for school bus drivers and within the previous four (4) hours for commercial motor vehicle drivers.

An exception shall be made for therapeutic use of prescribed controlled substances used by a covered driver when the driver has submitted in advance a licensed medical practitioner’s written statement that the prescribed substance will not adversely affect the driver’s ability to safely operate a school bus or commercial motor vehicle.

A covered driver required to take a post-accident test shall not use alcohol for eight (8) hours following the accident, or until s/he undergoes a post-accident test, whichever occurs first.

A covered driver shall not refuse to submit to a required test for drugs or alcohol.

Consequences/Discipline -

The District shall remove a covered driver from performing safety-sensitive functions under the following circumstances:

1. A verified positive drug test result;

2. A verified adulterated or substituted drug test result;

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3. An alcohol test result of 0.04 or higher; or

4. A refusal to submit to a post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty or follow-up test.

The District shall place a school bus driver who drives, operates or is in physical control of a school bus out of service for thirty (30) days if the school bus driver has any detectable amount of alcohol in his/her system.

The District shall remove a commercial motor vehicle driver who is tested and is found to have an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04 until the start of the driver’s next regularly scheduled duty period that is at least twenty-four (24) hours following administration of the test.

A covered driver employed by the District who violates Board policy or administrative regulations and tests positive for drugs or alcohol shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, and shall be provided with a list of qualified substance abuse professionals.

Consistent with contractual and legal requirements, a determination shall be made as to the appropriate disciplinary action for a covered driver who violates Board policy or administrative regulations. Nothing in this policy shall limit the Board’s authority to impose discipline, including discharge.

If the District permits a covered driver who has been removed from performing safety-sensitive functions to return to a safety-sensitive function, the District shall ensure that the covered driver has been evaluated by a qualified substance abuse professional and has successfully completed the return-to-duty process before returning to a safety-sensitive function.

Maintenance of Records

The District shall maintain records of its drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program in compliance with federal regulations, and in accordance with the district’s records retention schedule.
### POLICY NO. 810.1
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Drug and alcohol records shall be confidential, and shall only be released in accordance with applicable law.

Statistical records and reports shall be maintained and made available to the Federal Highway Administration for inspection or audit in accordance with federal regulations.

**Acknowledgment of Receipt**

Each covered driver shall sign a statement certifying that s/he has received a copy of this policy and its accompanying administrative regulations.

The District shall keep the original signed statement in the personnel file of the covered driver employed by the district and provide a copy to the driver.

**Training**

Covered drivers shall attend orientation and training sessions, as appropriate to the nature of their service. When training is provided for other school employees relating to the legal obligations of employers and educational institutions, consideration shall be given to which covered drivers should also receive that training.

The District shall ensure that employees who supervise covered drivers receive at least sixty (60) minutes of training on alcohol misuse and at least sixty (60) minutes of training on controlled substances use. Such training shall include the physical, behavioral, speech, and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse and drug use.

**References:**

PA School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 111.1, 1517

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344, 6344.3
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State Department of Transportation Regulations – 67 PA Code Sec. 71.3, 229.14

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102, 1603, 1604, 1606, 1612, 1613, 1621, 1622, 3316, 3756, 3802

Notification Requirements – 49 U.S.C. Sec. 31303

Employer Responsibilities – 49 U.S.C. Sec. 31304

Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing – 49 U.S.C. Sec. 31306

Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs – 49 CFR Part 40, 40.3, 40.15, 40.23, 40.25, 40.191, 40.289, 40.321, 40.333

Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing – 49 CFR Part 382, 382.105, 382.107, 382.201, 382.205, 382.207, 382.209, 382.211, 382.215, 382.213, 382.401, 382.403, 382.405, 382.413, 382.505, 382.601, 382.603

Limiting the Use of Electronic Devices – 49 CFR 392.80, 392.82

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**POLICY NO. 810.2**
TRANSPORTATION-VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

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75 Pa. C.S.A. 102

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75 Pa. C.S.A. 102
### Section 3  
**Authority**

The Board authorizes the use of video and audio recording on school buses and school-related vehicles for disciplinary and security purposes.

The Board prohibits the use of audio recording on any school bus or school-related vehicle that is not being used for a school-related purpose.

18 Pa. C.S.A. 5704

### Section 4  
**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to ensure that:

1. Each school bus and school-related vehicle that is equipped with video and audio recording equipment contains a clearly posted notice informing drivers and passengers of the potential for video and audio recording.

2. This policy is posted on the District's publicly accessible website.

3. Each school year, this policy is included in the student handbook and in any other district publication that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures and standards of conduct.

18 Pa. C.S.A. 5704

SC 510.2

### Section 5  
**Guidelines**

The District shall comply with the provisions of federal and state laws and regulations regarding student record requirements as applicable to the District’s use and disclosure of recordings. Recordings considered part of a student’s educational record shall be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review and disclosure of student records.

Pol. 113.4, 216
POLICY NO. 810.2
TRANSPORTATION-VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

References:
PA School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510.2
Pennsylvania Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102
Pennsylvania Crimes Code – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704
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### SCHOOL VEHICLE DRIVERS

who operate school related vehicles.

School-related vehicle drivers shall observe all state and federal laws and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations governing traffic safety and school vehicle operation.

The Board prohibits school-related vehicle drivers from texting and from using a handheld mobile telephone or other electronic device while driving a school related vehicle except when it is necessary to communicate with law enforcement officials or other emergency services.

### Section 4 Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy and the requirements of law, which may include the following components:

1. Establishment of procedures for drug and alcohol testing of school-related vehicle drivers.

2. Establishment of procedures for obtaining and reviewing each school-related vehicle driver’s driving record to determine whether the driver meets the minimum requirements for safe driving and is not disqualified to operate a vehicle.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each driver, upon hire or transfer, with:

1. This policy and any accompanying administrative regulations; and

2. Educational materials related to misuse of alcohol and use of controlled substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide notice to representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information.

### Section 5 Guidelines

75 Pa. C.S.A. 3316

75 Pa. C.S.A. 1606
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School-related vehicle drivers shall comply with the requirements for background checks/certifications and employment history reviews in accordance with applicable law, Board policy and administrative regulations. These requirements are addressed separately in Board policy 850 for drivers employed by the District and Board policy 818 for drivers employed by an independent contractor.

Prior to employment and at least once each school year, school-related vehicle drivers shall submit a copy of a valid driver’s license to the Superintendent or designee.

School-related vehicle drivers shall report misconduct in accordance with Board policy 817 for drivers employed by the District and Board policy 818 for drivers employed by an independent contractor.

### Reporting Requirements

School-related vehicle drivers using controlled substances prescribed for therapeutic purposes by a licensed medical practitioner shall submit the practitioner’s written statement that the prescribed substance will not adversely affect the employee’s ability to safely operate a school-related vehicle.

School-related vehicle drivers shall also inform their supervisors of any use of drug(s) or medication(s) for which the packaging includes warnings that, “marked drowsiness may occur and/or be careful when driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery.”

A school-related vehicle driver charged with or issued a citation for violating a federal or state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control in this or any other state or any federal, provincial, territorial or municipal law relating to motor vehicle traffic control in Canada, other than parking violations, shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing before the end of the business day following the day the school related vehicle driver is charged or cited. Notice is required no matter what type of vehicle the driver was driving.

A school-related vehicle driver who is convicted of violating a federal or state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control shall notify the Superintendent or designee in writing before the end of the business day following the day the driver is charged or cited. Notice is required no matter what type of vehicle the driver was driving.

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Any school-related vehicle driver whose operating privilege is suspended, revoked, canceled or recalled by any state, shall notify the Superintendent or designee immediately upon reporting to work for the next scheduled shift following the notice of the suspension, revocation, cancellation, loss or disqualification.

**Controlled Substances and Alcohol**

Drug and Alcohol Testing -

The District may require school related vehicle drivers to submit to the following drug and alcohol tests: pre-employment, random, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-work and follow-up.

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School-related vehicle drivers shall not use medical marijuana products.

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A school-related vehicle driver shall not report for duty, drive, operate or be in the actual physical control of the movement of a school-related vehicle under the following circumstances:

1. While using or while having any amount of alcohol present in the body, including medications containing alcohol.

2. While under the influence of a controlled substance or combination of controlled substances, or the combined

75 Pa. C.S.A. 1606

75 Pa. C.S.A. 1612

75 Pa. C.S.A. 3802
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influence of alcohol and a controlled substance or substances.

3. After consuming alcohol or a controlled substance within the previous eight (8) hours.

An exception shall be made for therapeutic use of prescribed controlled substances used by a school vehicle driver when the driver has submitted in advance a licensed medical practitioner’s written statement that the prescribed substance will not adversely affect the driver’s ability to safely operate a school-related vehicle.

### Consequences/Discipline –

The District shall place a school-related vehicle driver who drives, operates or is in physical control of a school-related vehicle out of service for thirty (30) days if the school-related vehicle driver:

1. Has any detectable amount of alcohol in his/her system; or

2. Refuses to take a test to determine his/her alcohol content.

A school-related vehicle driver who refuses to take a drug or alcohol test required pursuant to Board policy and administrative regulations has not refused to take a Department of Transportation (DOT)-test.

Consistent with contractual and legal requirements, a determination shall be made as to the appropriate disciplinary action for a school-related vehicle driver who violates Board policy or administrative regulations. Nothing in this policy shall limit the Board’s authority to impose discipline, including discharge.

### Maintenance of Records

Drug and alcohol test information for school-related vehicle drivers shall be maintained separate from test information for covered drivers, such information shall be treated as confidential.

75 Pa. C.S.A. 1606, 1612

49 CFR 40.191, 40.261

49 CFR 40.13
POLICY NO. 810.3
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and shall only be released in accordance with law.

Drug and alcohol test information for school-related vehicle drivers shall not be included on the U.S. Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing MIS Data Collection Form.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

Each school-related vehicle driver shall sign a statement certifying that s/he has received a copy of this policy and its accompanying administrative regulations.

The District shall keep the original signed statement in the school-related vehicle driver’s personnel file and provide a copy to the driver.

Training

School-related vehicle drivers shall attend orientation and training sessions, as appropriate to the nature of their service. When training is provided for other school employees relating to the legal obligations of employers and educational institutions, consideration shall be given to which school related vehicle drivers should also receive that training.

References:

PA School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 111.1


PA Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102, 1606, 1612, 3316, 3802

Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs – 49 CFR Part 40.13, 40.191, 40.261

Board Policy – 817, 818, 850
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## TRANSPORTATION

### Section 1
**Purpose**

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

### Section 2
**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.

- **School-related 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 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.

### Section 3
**Authority**

The Board shall provide transportation for qualified students residing in the boroughs of Green Tree, Dormont, and Castle Shannon, in accordance with the law and Board policy.
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**Board policy.** 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.

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.

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.

The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required by law.

The Board shall provide transportation for children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan.

The Board shall provide transportation for homeless children and youths in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.

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.

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.

**Such transportation will be provided from a designated school bus stop near the student’s permanent residence, to school and**

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23.1, 23.2, 23.4

SC 1361, 1362

22 PA Code 23.1, 23.2, 23.4

Pol. 610, 611, 818

SC 1362

67 PA Code 447.1 et seq

SC 1361, 1726-A

Pol. 139

20 U.S.C. 6312

42 U.S.C. 11432

Pol. 240

35 P.S. 4601 et seq

35 P.S. 4608

67 PA Code

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return to the same designated school bus stop. Parents who desire to have their child(ren) picked up from or transported to an alternate bus stop, shall make special written application to the District Transportation Office. The District shall honor such requests provided the alternate stop currently exists, and the existing bus serving that stop is not filled to capacity, without regard to whether student requesting such special service is designated a walker or rider. Any special transportation arrangements granted are valid for the current school year only, with requests to be made and considered each succeeding year. Any student having special transportation arrangements shall be denied such special arrangements in the event the particular bus becomes filled with regular use riders. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to cause the District to provide transportation for any purpose other than those specifically identified in this policy.

Transportation schedules shall be established by the Superintendent or designee so that all pupils are returned to their designated school bus stop no later than one (1) hour after the end of the school day.

The School District reserves the further right, in its sole discretion, to transport any student during the school day, i.e., after the student has arrived at school, regardless of whether the student has otherwise been designated as a walker for purposes of this policy, in emergency situations or where the School District deems such transportation necessary to the student’s participation in his/her normal program(s). Nothing set forth herein shall obligate the School District to provide such transportation at the request of a parent.

The Board shall transport eligible resident students who are enrolled in non-district schools within the distance prescribed by law.

Section 4  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
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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.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:

1. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation.  
   
   22 PA Code 23.1, 23.4

2. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the District.

   22 PA Code 23.4

3. Provide each school bus/school vehicle driver with:


   b. The written rules for student conduct on buses/vehicles.

   c. The procedures for evacuation drills.

   d. Any additional laws and applicable Board policies and administrative regulations which apply to school bus/vehicle drivers.

4. Prepare a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route.

   22 PA Code 23.4

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**Section 53**

**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.

School bus/vehicle drivers shall maintain the confidentiality of

| Pol. 113, 209.1, 209.2, 210, 210.1 | Pol. 113.4, 216 |
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student health/medical information in accordance with district policies and procedures and applicable law.

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.

Transportation services for preschool children will not be provided by the District.

Bus Stop Locations

a. Stops will generally be located no closer than 0.3 miles apart; however, on routes designated hazardous by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, stops may be scheduled according to the law.

b. Stops will generally be located at intersections, and not at a student’s home. Exceptions may be made for special education students and for students living on designated hazardous routes.

Walkers and Walking Distances

a. Students will generally walk 0.3 miles to a bus stop. Elementary students may be required to walk up to 1.5 miles and secondary students may be required to walk up to 2.0 miles to a bus stop.

b. Elementary students (grades K-5) whose permanent residence is less than or equal to 1.5 miles to the school grounds as measured along a public roadway or roadways, shall be designated as walkers. The distance for secondary students (grades 6-12) shall be 2.0 miles.

c. Exceptions may be made for students living on designated hazardous routes.

Bus Conduct

Proper behavior on a school bus is essential for the safety of all
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passengers.

School buses and vehicles may be equipped with audio and/or video recording equipment. The Board authorizes use of such equipment for school discipline and security purposes. Each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents or guardians of this policy by letter mailed to the students’ home addresses. Notice that students may be audio recorded must be posted clearly visible on each school bus or school vehicle that is furnished with audio-recording equipment.

It shall be the responsibility of the building principal and/or designee, to ensure that students are appropriately supervised when riding District buses.

To assure the safety of all passengers, the Board has adopted the following Rules of Conduct:

a. Each student shall be seated immediately upon entering the bus.

b. No student shall stand or move from place to place during the trip. Students must keep their feet out of the aisle once seated.

c. Loud, boisterous, profane language, or indecent conduct, shall not be tolerated.

d. Smoking is prohibited on the bus.

e. No items of any kind shall be thrown in or from the bus.

f. The bus driver has the same authority over a student as does a teacher in the classroom.

g. Students must board and leave the bus only at their assigned stop.

h. Bus passes will be issued to all students and must be shown to the driver or school personnel upon request.

i. Vandalism to the bus will not be tolerated.
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Violations of the above rules will be handled as outlined below:

FIRST OFFENSE

A warning will be given to the student. The Principal will consult with the student and notify the parent. The Principal will work with the driver to assign the student a seat on the bus for the remainder of the semester.

SECOND OFFENSE

Transportation privileges will be suspended for a specific period of time, or the student will be suspended from school. A parent conference will be held.

THIRD OFFENSE

Transportation privileges will be suspended for the remainder of the semester, or the student will be suspended from school. A conference will be held with the parents to discuss the conduct of the student.

A student that is removed from the bus for the remainder of the semester for disciplinary reasons shall observe the following procedure to request a reinstatement of his/her bus riding privileges:

a. Student and parent/guardian must submit written request to building principal requesting reinstatement of riding privileges.

b. Student and parent/guardian must participate in a conference with the Principal and student transportation personnel to review student conduct and evaluate request.

c. At the completion of the conference, the District will decide the student’s bus riding status.

d. If the District reinstates the student’s riding privileges, the student will be placed on probationary status for the remainder of the school year.
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e. An infraction of the rules of bus conduct committed by a student on probationary status will result in suspension of bus riding privileges for the remainder of the school year. Should this occur, the student and his/her parent/guardian must again apply for restoration of riding privileges.

Third offenses committed during the last thirty (30) days of the school year will result in suspension of transportation privileges for the first semester of the following year.

SERIOUS OFFENSE

(Including, but not limited to smoking and vandalism)

Offenses of a serious nature that affect the health or safety of bus occupants or damage the bus will result in suspension from school even though the offense is a first infraction of the rules. Parents/guardians of students guilty of vandalizing a bus will be responsible for the cost of repairs to the bus.

Nothing set forth in the policy will be applied in violation of the rights of students as provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as Reauthorized.

Review of Employees Personnel Files

The District shall review the application materials and complete background checks for all bus drivers employed by the transportation companies providing transportation services to the District, pursuant to the School Code and the contracts with each transportation company at the beginning of each school year. The District retains the discretion to request that an operator not be used to transport District students, upon proper notice to the transportation company.

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.

Reports of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse

22 PA Code Sec 23.1
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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:

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 contract with students.

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.

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 provision that the failure on the part of employees to make such a timely notification shall subject them to disciplinary action, including termination.

If any bus drivers have been charged as stated in the policy, the transportation contract carriers shall, in their written, yearly notification, include the name of the employee, nature(s) of the offense(s), and the status of the disposition. The District will review this information to determine if the employee shall continue to transport District students.
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References:

PA School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1361, 1362, 1374, 1517, 1726-A.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4

Every Student Succeeds Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6312

Education for Homeless Children and Youths – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11432

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

Pennsylvania Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102, 4552

Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq., 4608

PA Crimes Code—18 PA C.S.A. Sec. 5704

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 113, 113.4, 139, 209.1, 209.1, 210, 210.1, 216, 240, 610, 611, 805, 818

Revision History: July 12, 2014; January 17, 2013; March 19, 2001
Section 1 | Purpose

The Board, in its effort to provide cost effective programs, the Board uses outside independent contractors for a variety of purposes. The District is required to ensure that such contractors comply with certain legal requirements regarding contractor employees involved in the delivery of services to the District. This policy is adopted to outline those requirements and the manner in which the District shall direct and monitor contractor compliance. The Board may need to utilize contracted services. The Board will continue to supervise and evaluate such services to assure their effectiveness. This policy is to assist the Board in maintaining qualified and legally certified services.

The Board is required by law to ensure that independent contractors and their employees submit a report of criminal history record from the Pennsylvania State Police. Such reporting form shall be provided from the Pennsylvania State Police for in-state residents and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for out-of-state residents.

Improper performance of the contract, as determined by the District specifications, will result in legal action against the Contractor and/or the surety which provided the performance bond, if any.

Section 2 | Definitions

For purposes of this policy, contractor employee shall include an individual who:
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1. Is employed or offered employment by an independent contractor or a subcontractor of an independent contractor, or is an individual independent contractor; and

2. Has or will have direct contact with children.

**Direct Contact with Children** – the possibility of care, supervision, guidance or control of children or routine interaction with children.

For purposes of this policy, **independent contractor** shall mean an individual or entity that contracts with the District to provide services.

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<td>All independent contractors and their employees who contract with the District or are hired by the independent contractor shall not do any work for, at or on behalf of the District until such independent contractor or is employees have complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and the District has evaluated the results of that screening process.</td>
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23 Pa. C.S.A. 6344 SC 111, 111.1

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<td>Prior to using contracted services, a written contractual agreement shall be entered into between the District and the independent contractor and maintained centrally by the District in a manner similar to that for other contracts. Requests for proposals, bid specifications for proposals and resulting contracts shall specify the following:</td>
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1. Mandatory requirements for criminal history background checks, child abuse certifications, employment history |

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| reviews, and arrest and conviction reporting for contracted services involving direct contact with children, as mandated by law and set forth in this policy. |
| 2. A requirement that all contracted transportation providers provide a program of drug and alcohol testing for covered drivers. A covered driver shall include any contractor employee who drives, operates or is in the actual physical control or movement of a school bus or a commercial vehicle owned, leased or operated by the independent contractor in connection with school district services. |
| 3. That failure to comply with this policy and the requirements for criminal history background checks and child abuse certifications, employment history reviews, and required reporting of employee arrests, convictions or other misconduct by an independent contractor or contractor employee shall be grounds for termination of the contract. |

The Superintendent or designee shall review all information provided pursuant to this policy and determine if information is disclosed that precludes employment or continued service of an independent contractor or contractor employee.

Information submitted by an independent contractor or contractor employee in accordance with this policy shall be maintained centrally in a manner similar to that for school employees.

Pre-Employment Requirements

Employment History Review –

Independent contractors shall conduct an employment history review, in compliance with state law, prior to assignment of a contractor employee to perform work for the District in a position or assignment involving direct contact with children. The independent contractor may use the information for the purpose of evaluating an applicant’s fitness to be hired or for continued employment of a current contractor employee and may report the information as permitted by law.
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Independent contractors shall inform the District, in writing, upon receipt of an affirmative response to any of the abuse and sexual misconduct background questions for a contractor employee. If the District objects to the assignment, the independent contractor may not assign the contractor employee to the District.

Independent contractors shall, upon request, provide the District to which a contractor employee is assigned access to the employee’s employment history review records.

**Criminal History**

Prior to assignment of contractor employees to perform work for the District in a position or assignment involving direct contact with children, contractor employees shall submit an official child abuse clearance statement and state and federal criminal history background checks (certifications) as required by law.

Contractor employees shall report, on the designated form, all arrests and convictions as specified on the form. Contractor employees shall likewise report arrests and/or convictions that occur subsequent to initially submitting the form. Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may subject the individual to denial of employment/contract, termination if already hired/contracted, and/or criminal prosecution.

**Tuberculosis Test**

Contractor employees providing services for students shall undergo a test for tuberculosis in accordance with the regulations and guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

**Arrest and Conviction Reporting Requirements**

All independent contractors shall adopt policies and procedures that require their employees, who are providing services to the District and who have direct contact with children, to notify the independent contractor, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence, of an arrest or conviction required to be reported by law. Contractor employees shall also be required to

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Report to the independent contractor, within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, that the employee has been named as a perpetrator in a founded or indicated report pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law. The policies and procedures shall also include the provision that the failure on the part of contractor employees to make such a timely notification shall subject them to disciplinary action, including termination.

If the independent contractor receives notice of such arrest or conviction or that the contractor employee has been named as a perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, from either the contractor employee or a third party, the independent contractor shall immediately report, in writing, that information to the Superintendent or designee.

The independent contractor shall immediately require a contractor employee to submit new certifications when there is a reasonable belief that the employee was arrested for or has been convicted of an offense required to be reported by law, was named as a perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, or has provided written notice of such occurrence.

Contractor employees who provide transportation services shall immediately notify the independent contractor, who will then notify the District’s transportation supervisor of any traffic citations or the suspension, revocation or cancellation of operating privileges.

**Educator Misconduct**

If the Superintendent reasonably suspects that conduct being reported involves an incident required to be reported under the Educator Discipline Act, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with applicable law, regulations and Board policy.

**Training**

Independent contractors shall provide their employees who have direct contact with children with mandatory training on child abuse recognition and reporting. The training shall include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

| SC 111 | 23 Pa. C.S.A. 6344.3 |
| SC 2070.9a | Pol 817.1 |
| 75 Pa. C.S.A. 1606 |
| SC 1205.6 |
1. Recognition of the signs of abuse and sexual misconduct and reporting requirements for suspected abuse and sexual misconduct.

2. Provisions of the Educator Discipline Act, including mandatory reporting requirements.

3. District policy related to reporting of suspected abuse and sexual misconduct.

4. Maintenance of professional and appropriate relationships with students.

Employees of independent contractors who have direct contact with children are required to complete a minimum of three (3) hours of training every five (5) years.

Contractor employees shall attend orientation and training sessions, as appropriate to the nature of their service. When training is provided for school employees relating to the legal obligations of employers and educational institutions, consideration shall be given to which contractor employees should also receive that training.

**Child Abuse Reporting**

All contractor employees who have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is the victim of child abuse shall make a report of suspected child abuse in accordance with applicable law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

**Confidentiality**

No contractor employee shall be permitted access to confidential student information unless the District has determined that such access is necessary for the contractor employee to fulfill his/her responsibilities. Contractor employees with access to confidential student information shall maintain the confidentiality of that information in accordance with Board policies and procedures and applicable law. If a contractor employee has questions about the confidentiality of student information, the contractor employee should consult with the building principal.
### Section 3  Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall prepare rules and procedures to assure that the legal requirements for contracted services are complied with. Failure to comply with this policy and the requirements of Act 34 of 1985 by an independent contractor may lead to a cancellation of the contract.

Mandatory background check requirements Policy 610 will be included in all bidding specifications for contracted services.

**References:**

- **PA School Code**
- **Board Policy**

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- **PA School Code** – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 111.1, 1418
- **Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Training** – 24 P.S. Sec. 1205.6, 2070.9a et seq
- **Educator Discipline Act** – 24 P.S. Sec. 2070.1a et seq
- **Child Protective Services Law** – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6311, 6344, 6344.3
- **Pennsylvania Vehicle Code** – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1606, 1612, 3802
- **State Department of Transportation Regulations** – 67 PA Code Sec. 71.3
- **Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing** – 49 CFR Part 382
- **Department of Human Services Regulations** – 55 PA Code 3400.132
- **State Department of Health Regulations** – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.44
- **Board Policy** – 113.4, 216, 806, 810.1, 817.1, 847
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### Section 1: Purpose

In accordance with the Board’s philosophy to provide a quality educational program for all district students and to increase the English language proficiency of students who are English Learners (EL), the Keystone Oaks School District shall provide an effective and appropriate Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) that meets the needs of English Learners. The planned instructional program for identified students whose dominant language is not English. The goal of the LIEP program is to demonstrate success in increasing the English language proficiency and student academic achievement of eligible students so that EL students can attain the academic standards adopted by the Board and achieve academic success. EL students shall be identified, assessed and provided appropriate instruction in accordance with the LIEP, and shall be provided an equitable opportunity to achieve their maximum potential in educational programs and extracurricular activities, consistent with federal and state laws and regulations.

### Section 2: Authority

The Board shall approve a LIEP to provide English Language Development instruction (ELD) to EL students as part of the approved curriculum, in order to develop the English language proficiency of EL students. The District shall provide EL students with both planned ELD instruction and modifications in

- 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq
- Pol. 102, 103
- 20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq
- 22 PA Code 4.26
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content instruction and assessments for all curricular areas, based on the provisions of the LIEP. The LIEP shall be thoughtfully and deliberately planned and evaluated in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, and shall meet the needs of the district's EL students. The LIEP shall be based on effective research-based theory, implemented with sufficient resources and appropriately trained staff, and shall meet the following requirements:

1. Aligned to state academic content standards for the appropriate grade levels of EL students.

2. Include ELD instruction delivered by properly certified English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, and other certified content area teachers working in conjunction with ESL certified teachers.

3. Incorporate the use of state assessments and ELD criteria.

4. Provide equitable access to content for EL students at all proficiency levels.

5. Provide equitable access to enrollment in courses or academic programs for which EL students are otherwise eligible.

The Board directs the LIEP to be evaluated for effectiveness based on student outcomes at least annually, and the results documented in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, and state guidelines.

The district’s LIEP and evaluation results of the LIEP shall be made available to district staff working with EL students and parents/guardians of EL students.

The Board may address EL students and programs in the district’s comprehensive planning process.

The school district shall provide a program for each student whose dominant language is not English for the purpose of facilitating the student’s achievement of English proficiency and
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The program shall include English As a Second Language instruction. The program shall Meet the three-pronged test of program compliance: (1) sound research-based education theory, (2) sufficient resources and staffed by appropriate prepared personnel, (3) periodic program evaluation.

### Section 3

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Board shall include provisions for the LEP Responsibility programs in its Strategic Plan.

The Board shall include provisions for the ESL teachers, classroom teachers of LEP students and new teachers in its professional development plan.

The Board shall establish procedures for identification of students whose dominant language is not English. The Home Language Survey shall be completed for every student in the District and filed in the student’s permanent record folder through graduation. For students whose dominant language is not English, assessment for the student’s English proficiency level must be completed to determine the need for English as a Second Language instruction.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement and supervise a LIEP ESL Program that ensures appropriate instruction in each school and complies with federal and state laws and regulations, meets the legal requirements for EISL program compliance.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District complies with all federal and state laws and regulations, and program requirements, for ELD program funding, including required reports in the form prescribed by the state.

The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with appropriate stakeholders, shall develop administrative regulations regarding the LIEP and provision of services to EL students.

The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with appropriate stakeholders, shall develop and disseminate written procedures regarding the ESL program.

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**Title 22 Sec. 4.13**

**24 PS 12-1205.1 and 49.16-17**

**Civil Rights Act of 1964**

**Title VI**

**P.L. 103-382**

**Basic Education Circular July 2, 2001; Educating Students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and English Language Learners (ELL)**

**20 U.S.C. 6841**
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1. Program goals
2. Student enrollment procedures (i.e., Home Language Survey)
3. Assessment procedures for program entrance, measuring progress in gaining English proficiency, and program exiting.
4. Accommodations for English Language Learners (ELL) in the Classroom
5. Grading policies
6. List of resources including support agencies and interpreters

### Section 4
**Guidelines for the ESL/Bilingual Program**

#### Identification and Placement of EL Students

The District shall establish procedures for identifying and assessing the needs of students whose dominant language is not English. In order to identify which students are potential English Learners, the Home Language Survey shall be completed for each student upon enrollment in the District, and shall be maintained as part of the student's education records.

EL students shall be appropriately placed in accordance with the LIEP within the first thirty (30) days of the school year, or within fourteen (14) days of enrollment.

LEP students shall be enrolled upon presentation of a local address and proof of immunization.

#### Program Access

EL Students shall have equitable access to and should be encouraged to participate in all academic and extracurricular activities available in the to district students.

#### Assessment

The District shall annually administer required assessments to EL students to measure students' English Language proficiency and progress in reading, writing, speaking and

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20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq
22 PA Code 11.11 Pol. 200
20 U.S.C. 6823
20 U.S.C. 6841
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listening/understanding. Assessment results shall be maintained in the student's education records. Parents/Guardians may not opt students out of English language proficiency assessments.

EL students shall participate in all annual state or locally required assessments, with accommodations where applicable, and The ELL shall be required to meet established academic standards and graduation requirements, in accordance with law, regulations and Board Policy with accommodations as adopted by the Board.

Program Exit

The District shall include uniform provisions in the LIEP, in accordance with state required criteria, for:

1. Reclassifying EL students as former EL students when they attain English language proficiency.

2. Actively monitoring and reporting the progress of former EL students for a period of two (2) years following reclassification and program exit, and reporting students to the state in a monitor status for an additional two (2) years, to ensure students are meeting academic standards.

3. Redesignating former EL students as active EL students if they struggle academically based on persistent language barriers.

The ESL program shall be designed to provide instruction to meet each student's individual needs based on the assessment of English proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Adequate content area support shall be provided while the student is learning English to ensure achievement of academic standards.

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

Certified employees and appropriate support staff, when necessary, shall provide the LIEP. The district shall ensure that all teachers providing ELD instruction hold the appropriate certification and can demonstrate academic language proficiency.
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both in English and in the language used for instruction in their classroom.

A Pennsylvania certified teacher hired as a teacher and, if necessary, appropriate support staff (e.g., teacher aides) shall provide the ESL program.

Non-ESL staff shall incorporate ELD into all classes for EL students, as well as provide supports, modifications and accommodations for curricular content to enable EL students to achieve academic standards.

The District shall provide appropriate training in ELD for all professional staff as part of the Professional Development Plan.

Instructional resources shall be comparable to the resources provided other core academic subjects.

The program shall be evaluated for effectiveness based on the attainment of English proficiency. If ELL are not learning English, the program shall be changed to ensure greater success.

Special Education and Gifted Education Services

EL students may be eligible for special education services when they have been identified as a student with a disability and it is determined that the disability is not solely due to lack of instruction or proficiency in the English language.

EL students may be eligible for gifted education services, when identified in accordance with law, regulations and Board policy. The district shall ensure that assessment of a student for gifted education services screens for intervening factors, such as English language proficiency, that may be masking gifted abilities.

Students participating in ELD instruction who are eligible for special education services shall continue receiving ELD instruction, in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP), at the appropriate proficiency and developmental level.

20 U.S.C. 6812
Pol. 333

Pol. 103.1, 113

Pol. 114

Pol. 103.1, 113, 114
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**Parent/Family Engagement and Communication**

Communications with parents/guardians shall be in the mode and language of communication preferred by the parents/guardians include Information about assessment, academic Achievement and other related education issues in the language understood by the parent whenever possible.

Within thirty (30) days of the beginning of each school year, or within fourteen (14) days of enrollment during the school year, the district shall notify parents/guardians of students identified as EL about the process for identifying their children as EL, the results of that process, and the recommended program placement. The district shall also provide parents/guardians with detailed information regarding the LIEP, the benefits of ELD instruction for their children, and an explanation of the program's effectiveness.

Parents/Guardians shall be regularly apprised of their child’s progress, including achievement of academic standards and assessment results.

The District shall maintain an effective means of outreach to encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.

**Parental Right to Opt Out of ELD Programs and Services**

Parents/Guardians of EL students have the right to refuse specialized programs and services that may be part of the LIEP for their child. A parent's/guardian's decision to refuse programs or services must be informed and voluntary; the District shall not influence a parent's/guardian's decision in any way, or make any program or placement determinations without parental notification and an opportunity to opt the student out of programs and services.

The District shall make a parental waiver form available for parents/guardians to opt their EL child out of ELD programs and services.

The District shall document all notifications made to
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<td>parents/guardians regarding assessment and recommended placements and programs for EL students, and whether or not a parental waiver form is received. When a waiver form is not received from the parent/guardian, the District shall proceed with the recommended placement.</td>
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EL students who have a parental waiver for ELD programs and services shall be assessed on English language proficiency annually, and shall be provided with supports and accommodations to participate in general curricular and extracurricular programs, in order to meet academic standards and graduation requirements.

Parents/Guardians of EL students who have been opted out of ELD programs and services shall be notified of their child's progress, including achievement of academic standards and assessment results, and shall be provided with opportunity and a form to opt their child back into ELD programs and services.

References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.26, 4.51, 4.51a, 4.51b, 4.51c, 4.52, 11.11


Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6801 et seq, 6812, 6823, 6826, 6841


Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964 – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d et seq

Improving Academic Achievement, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 200

Board Policy – Pol. 100, 102, 103, 103.1, 113, 114, 115, 122, 123, 127, 200, 212, 217, 333, 850, 919

| Pol. 102, 103, 127 |
| Pol. 217, 212 |