

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.</p>
<p>2. Definitions 75 Pa. C.S.A. 102</p>	<p>School bus means a motor vehicle that is designed to carry eleven (11) passengers or more, including the driver, and is used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students to or from public, private or parochial schools or events related to such schools or school-related activities^[1].</p> <p>School vehicle means a motor vehicle, except a motorcycle, designed for carrying no more than ten (10) passengers, including the driver, and used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students while registered by or under contract to the school district. The term includes vehicles having chartered, group and party rights under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and used for the transportation of school children.^[1]</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1361, 1362 24 P.S. 1726A Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 Pol 610, 611, 818</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 district's transportation boundary is a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles by the nearest public highway outside the school district's border.^{[2][3][4]}</p> <p>The Board shall purchase, lease, equip and maintain school buses/vehicles and/or contract for school bus/vehicle services, when necessary, in order to provide transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for approved field trips and extracurricular activities.^{[2][3][5][6][7][8][9][10][11]}</p>
<p>SC 1362 67 PA Code 447.1 et seq</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.^{[3][12]}</p>
<p>SC 1374 Title 22 Sec. 23.3 Pol. 103, 103.1, 113</p>	<p>The Board shall provide transportation for students with disabilities without regard to distance or hazardous walking conditions, when required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.^{[13][14][15][16][17]}</p>

<p>—SC 1361 —24 P.S. 1726A —Pol 140</p>	<p>The Board shall transport eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required within the distance prescribed by law.[2][4][8]</p>
<p>20 U.S.C. 6312 Pol. 255</p>	<p>The Board shall transport children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan.[19][20]</p>
<p>42 U.S.C. 11432 Pol. 251</p>	<p>The Board shall transport homeless children and youth in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.[20][21]</p>
<p>SC 111. 111.1 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344 et seq</p>	<p>A school bus driver shall not be employed until s/he has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and FBI background check; and the district has evaluated the results of that screening process as outlined in Policy 504304.1.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq</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.[22]</p>
<p>35 P.S. 4608 Title 67 Sec. 212.101</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; and passengers load and unload. Signs shall also be posted at locations that provide fifteen (15) or more parking spaces for such diesel-powered motor vehicles.[23][24]</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The school bus 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 Law to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.</p>
<p>—Title 22 —Sec. 23.4</p>	<p>The school principal may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation.[7]</p>
<p>—Title 22 —Sec. 23.4 —Pol 121</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish administrative regulations that specify the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities and field trips.[7][25]
<p>—Title 22 —Sec. 23.4</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prepare for Board approval a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop/ route and/or school attendance area(s) designated as (a) walking zone(s).[7]

<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec 23.4</p>	<p>3. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation.[5][7]</p> <p>4. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the school district.[7]</p> <p>5. Provide each school bus/school vehicle driver with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Pennsylvania School Bus Driver’s Manual; The written rules for student conduct on buses/vehicles; The procedures for evacuation drills; and Any additional laws and applicable Board policies and administrative regulations which apply to school bus/vehicle drivers.
<p>6. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 113, 209.1, 209.2, 210, 210.1</p> <p>Pol. 113.4, 216</p>	<p><u>Student Health Information</u></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.[16][17][26][27][28][29]</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.[30][31]</p>
<p>24 P.S. 1517 74 Pa. C.S.A. 4552</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.[32][33][34]</p> <p>References:</p> <p><u>Legal References</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 75 Pa. C.S.A. 102 24 P.S. 1361 24 P.S. 1362 24 P.S. 1726-A 22 PA Code 23.1 22 PA Code 23.2

7. 22 PA Code 23.4
8. Pol. 610
9. Pol. 611
10. Pol. 818
11. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 3345.1
12. 67 PA Code 447.1 et seq
13. 22 PA Code 23.3
14. 24 P.S. 1374
15. Pol. 103
16. Pol. 103.1
17. Pol. 113
18. Pol. 140
19. 20 U.S.C. 6312
20. Pol. 251
21. 42 U.S.C. 11432
22. 35 P.S. 4601 et seq
23. 35 P.S. 4608
24. 67 PA Code 212.101
25. Pol. 121
26. Pol. 209.1
27. Pol. 209.2
28. Pol. 210
29. Pol. 210.1
30. Pol. 113.4
31. Pol. 216
32. 24 P.S. 1517
33. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4552
34. Pol. 805
24 P.S. 1331
24 P.S. 1365
24 P.S. 1366
24 P.S. 2541
24 P.S. 2542
22 PA Code 15.1 et seq
22 PA Code 23.6

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	<p><u>75 Pa. C.S.A. 4551-4553</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq</u> <u>42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq</u> <u>49 CFR Part 37</u> <u>49 CFR Part 38</u> <u>Pol. 810.1</u></p> <p>-75 Pa. C.S.A. 102, 4551-4553 -20 U.S.C. 6312 -42 U.S.C. 11431, 11432 et seq. -School Code—24 P.S. Sec. , 1331, 1361, 1362, 1365, 1366, 1374, 1517, 1726 A, 2541, 2542 -State Board of Education Regulations—22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 15.1 et seq., Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.6 -State Department of Transportation Regulations—67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq. -Diesel Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act—35 P.S. Sec. 4601, 4608 et seq. -Child Protective Services Law—23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq. -Board Policy—000, 103, 103.1, 113, 113.4, 121, 140, 121, 209.1, 209.2, 210, 210.1, 216, 251, 255, 504, 517, 610, 611, 805, 818</p>
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