

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

ADOPTED: October 28, 1997

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 23.4 SC 1361</p> <p>2. Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">810. TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and the following guidelines.</p> <p>The Board shall purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles and contract for school bus services for the transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for the transportation of students on field trips and athletic trips.</p> <p><u>Elementary (1 - 5)</u></p> <p>Pupils must live three-fourths (3/4ths) of a mile from their school of attendance. The administration may make special exceptions, up to five percent (5%) of a mile in either direction.</p> <p><u>Secondary (6 - 12)</u></p> <p>Senior high school pupils must live one-and-one-half (1-1/2) miles and middle school pupils must live one-and-one-quarter (1-1/4) miles from their school of attendance. The administration may make special exceptions, up to five percent (5%) of a mile in either direction.</p> <p><u>Exceptions to Transportation Policy:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hazardous conditions as certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.2. Lack of traffic guards/dangerous intersections. <p>n.b. Transportation assignments/exceptions are determined by the administration.</p>
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Transportation To and From Public Schools

Transportation by school bus(es) shall be provided resident pupils from pick-up points to discharge points assigned by the administration. Such transportation shall not be provided to and from other points for pupil convenience.

Transportation To and From Non-Public Schools

Transportation by school bus(es) shall be provided resident pupils who regularly attend non-public elementary and secondary schools (not operated for profit) from pick-up points to discharge points assigned by the administration, within a ten (10) mile distance from Marple and Newtown Township boundaries in accordance with the requirements of Act 372. Such transportation shall not be provided to and from other points for pupil convenience.

Chaperones

All school district sponsored field trips must have a professional employee assigned to that event. Field trips requiring the use of district school bus(es) will be required to use school approved chaperones.

In addition to a professional employee assigned to a field trip, a chaperone may be an unpaid volunteer, parent or guardian of a student attending the field trip who is pre-approved by the professional employee responsible for that field trip.

Chaperones are expected to supervise their charges continuously on the bus to the destination, at the destination, and during the return trip to school.

The professional employee responsible for the field trip will sign a "manifest" the day the bus departs. The manifest filed with the building principal will list all the students and chaperones in attendance on that specific field trip.

Chaperones may not be accompanied on field trips by their minor children other than their child who is a member of the class taking the trip.

The number of chaperones assigned to each bus will be recommended by the professional employee sponsoring the field trip and approved by the building principal. The minimum number of chaperones per bus is one per professional employee.

<p>School Code 1312, 1331, 1361, 1374, 2541, 2542</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 23.32, 23.21-2</p>	<p><u>Athletic Activities</u></p> <p>All school district sponsored athletic activities must have a coach supervise that activity. Athletic events requiring the use of district school buses must have a coach on each bus to supervise the team to the destination, at the athletic event, and during the return trip to the district.</p>
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