



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) About School Bus Transportation

- 1. What kind of training does your bus driver receive?**

All school bus drivers in Pennsylvania must hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), pass an extensive physical exam, complete a minimum of 20 hours of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction, and pass a series of school bus driver's tests administered by state certified examiners. All school bus drivers are required by law to re-certify their school bus endorsement through the state every 4 years.

Eshelman Transportation provides each driver with student management and ACT 126 training along with on-going safety topic issues throughout the year.

All School Bus drivers are subject pre-employment and random drug screens. Both federal and state back-round checks are also required.
- 2. Will my child be assigned a seat on the bus?** Drivers are required to assign seats on the school bus.
- 3. Who should I call if I have a question or concern?**

In most cases, you should contact your school district's transportation department.
- 4. What kinds of safety checks do your buses go through?** Drivers perform a thorough pre-trip inspection each morning and service technicians perform ongoing preventative maintenance beyond manufacturer recommendations. Our buses are inspected twice a year by our own certified service technicians as well as once a year by the Pennsylvania State Police.
- 5. Who determines bus stops and travel routes?** Your school district is responsible for determining your child's bus stop. If you feel that your child's bus stop should be changed, please contact the Transportation Supervisor for your district.
- 6. If my child has a conflict on the bus with another child, should I discuss it with the driver or the school?** It is a good idea to let the driver as well as the school know about the conflict so that they can work together to resolve the issue.
- 7. How do you determine whether or not it is safe for school buses to travel on snowy and icy days?**

Each school district must evaluate its own road conditions, working with Eshelman Transportation, to make the best decision possible based on forecasts and road reports. The safety of our passengers is paramount to both Eshelman and Schuylkill Valley.

Safety Tips to review with your Child

1. Please observe the same conduct as in the classroom.
2. Remind them to please stay in their seat when the bus is moving.
3. Please be courteous and respectful to fellow students and the driver.
4. Please do not eat or drink on the bus.
5. Please help to keep the noise to an acceptable level by talking and not yelling to other students and the driver.