LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION

1. Purpose

Transportation for school students shall be provided in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.

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 school-related activities. [1]

School vehicle means a motor vehicle, except a motorcycle, designed for carrying no more than ten (10) passengers, including the driver, and used for transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students while registered by or under contract to the school. The term includes vehicles having chartered, group and party rights under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and used for transportation of school children.[1]

3. Authority

The Joint Operating Committee shall purchase, lease, equip and maintain school buses/vehicles and/or contract for school bus/vehicle services for transportation of students. [2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9]

The Joint Operating Committee shall provide transportation for eligible students attending the school. [3]

Student transportation to and from the school may be provided by the student's home school. [11]

The Joint Operating Committee shall ensure that transportation is provided for students with disabilities, when required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement. [12][13][14][15]

The school may coordinate with the student's school district of residence to ensure that transportation is provided for homeless children and youths and children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations. [16][17][18]

The Joint Operating Committee 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. [19]

	The Joint Operating Committee shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions are maintained on school 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. [20][21]
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 problems, bullying/harassment, safety issues, accidents or injuries, and violations of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law to the Administrative Director or designee as soon as practicable. The building administrator may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation. When the school provides daily transportation for students, the Administrative Director or designee shall be responsible to: 1. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation. [4] 2. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the school. 3. Provide each school bus/school vehicle driver with: a. The Pennsylvania's School Bus Driver's Manual b. The written rules for student conduct on buses/vehicles c. The procedures for evacuation drills; and d. Any additional laws and applicable Joint Operating Committee policies and administrative regulations which apply to school bus/vehicle drivers. 4. Establish administrative regulation that specify the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities and field trips. [22] 5. Prepare a map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route.
4. Guidelines	<u>Student Health Information</u> 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. [14][15][23][24][25][26] School bus/vehicle drivers shall maintain the confidentiality of student

health/medical information in accordance with school policies and procedures and applicable law. [27][28]

Evacuation Drills

Bus evacuation drills shall be conducted twice a year and reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy. [29][30][31]

NOTES:

Title 22, Sec. 23.6 - authorized passengers
Computation of distance - 1366
Other boundaries - 1 ½ miles - 1362
Field Trips – 517 (farm show)
Payments/reimbursements - 2541, 2542, Title 22 Sec. 23.31-23.40
Transportation - Title 22, Chapter 23
School Buses/Vehicles - Title 67, Chapter 171
Bus Drivers Minor Children – Title 22 Sec. 23.6
Definitions of motor vehicle – Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102
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Legal References
1. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 102
2. 24 P.S. 1362
3. 24 P.S. 1850.1
4. 22 PA Code 23.1
5. 22 PA Code 23.2
6. Pol. 610
7. Pol. 611
8. Pol. 818
9. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 3345.1
10. Articles of Agreement
11. 24 P.S. 2541
12. 22 PA Code 23.3
13. Pol. 103
14. Pol. 103.1
15. Pol. 113
16. 20 U.S.C. 6312
17. 42 U.S.C. 11432
18. Pol. 251
19. 35 P.S. 4601 et seq
20. 35 P.S. 4608
21. 67 PA Code 212.101
22. Pol. 121

	23. Pol. 209.1 24. Pol. 209.2 25. Pol. 210 26. Pol. 210.1 27. Pol. 113.3 28. Pol. 216 29. 24 P.S. 1517 30. 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4552 31. Pol. 805 24 P.S. 1331 24 P.S. 1365 24 P.S. 1366 24 P.S. 2542 22 PA Code 15.1 et seq 22 PA Code 23.6 75 Pa. C.S.A. 4551-4553 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq 49 CFR Part 37 49 CFR Part 38 Pol. 810.1 © PSBA 2023