



AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As of April 2025, Austintown Local Schools updated its **Payment in Lieu of Transportation** (PILOT) procedures to comply with current state regulations and improve service consistency. We are putting out this document once again with the same information to highlight important dates.

Annual Transportation Request Requirement

Each year, families are required to submit a **Request for Transportation** form for **every student**, regardless of whether the student was previously determined impractical. This process ensures that transportation eligibility is reviewed annually and that the district has accurate, up-to-date information for planning purposes.¹

New Determinations of Impracticality

If, after reviewing your request, the district determines that it is impractical to provide transportation for your student, you will receive a formal contract outlining:

- The reason transportation is impractical
- The offer of **Payment in Lieu of Transportation (PILOT)** as an alternative
You will be asked to **accept or decline the offer** by the deadline specified in the contract.²

Continuing PILOT for Previously Determined Students

If your student has **already been determined impractical in a prior year** and you are currently receiving Payment in Lieu of Transportation, you **must still submit a new request** for the upcoming school year. The district will reassess eligibility and continue or update your student's status accordingly.¹

School of Choice and Proof of Residency

Families choosing to enroll their student in a **non-public or community school** must submit the **Request for Transportation along with two forms of current proof of residency** to the school of attendance. The non-public or community school will forward this documentation to the Austintown Local Schools Transportation Department for review.³

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure that each student receives fair and consistent transportation service.

Deadline changes are as follows:

25-26 school year April 1st through July 1st 2025

*****For school year 26-27, and all the following school years, requests need to be in by April 1st. No Exceptions.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Angie Mraz, Director of Transportation
Austintown Transportation Department

Footnotes:

1. Ohio Revised Code § 3327.01 – Transportation of pupils to schools; policy and procedures; determination of eligibility.
2. Ohio Revised Code § 3327.02 – Determination of impracticality of transportation and payment in lieu of transportation; board resolution and parental agreement.
3. Ohio Administrative Code § 3301-83-01(B)(10) – Definitions: “Proof of residence” and transportation obligations for nonpublic and community school students.