

BERMUDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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	810. TRANSPORTATION
1. Purpose	The district shall operate a student transportation system for all resident students living more than 1.5 miles from assigned elementary schools. Transportation to secondary schools shall be provided for those students living more than two (2) miles from such schools. For students living along hazardous roads, these mileage requirements shall be waived.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 SC 1361, 1362	The Board shall purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles and/or contract for school bus services for transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for field trips and extracurricular activities, including designated activity buses.
Title 22 Sec. 23.3 SC 1374	The Board shall transport handicapped students without regard to distance or hazardous walking conditions.
SC 1361	The Board shall transport eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools within the distance prescribed by law.
SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq. 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.	A school bus driver shall not be employed until she/he has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the district has evaluated the results of that screening process.
35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.	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.
Title 67 Sec. 212.101	The Board shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions, are maintained on district property at locations where passengers load and unload.

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3. Delegation of Responsibility	The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported.
Title 22 Sec. 23.4	The principal may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation.
	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:
Title 22 Sec. 23.4	1. Establish rules governing the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities.
Title 22 Sec. 23.4	2. Prepare a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route.
Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.4	3. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation.
Title 22 Sec 23.4	4. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the district.
SC 111	<p><u>Reports of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u></p> <p>District bus drivers and/or the district's transportation contract carriers shall be responsible to inform the district in writing at the beginning of each school year whether or not they or any of their employees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been charged, subsequent to approval as a district bus driver, with a criminal offense that would bar their employment as bus drivers or contracted service providers 2. Were charged with a crime deemed serious under the criteria established by law. 3. Have been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect their suitability to have direct contact with students.
Pol. 304	This responsibility is in addition to the requirement for clearances that must be presented to the district when an individual is initially hired by the district or the contract carries.
Pol. 317	The district and contract carriers shall have procedures in place to ensure they are notified by their employees when the employees are charged with crimes or child abuse. The procedures shall also include the provision that the failure on the part of employees to make such a timely notification shall subject them to disciplinary

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	<p>action, including termination.</p> <p>If any bus drivers have been charged as stated in this policy, the transportation contract carriers shall, in their written, yearly notification, include the name of the employee, nature of the offense, and the status of the disposition. The district will review this information to determine if the employee shall continue to transport district students.</p> <p>Transportation routes and bus stops shall be reviewed annually by the Transportation Coordinator, with input from principals and drivers.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall make initial decisions regarding requests for changes in existing routes or stops. However these decisions may be appealed to the Board.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>Bus routes shall be established annually, considering efficient operation in terms of cost and time.</p> <p>Students shall be assigned to buses with the intent to fill each bus as near to capacity as possible, provided that each bus will be able to meet the daily time schedules without excessive riding time for students. One (1) hour of riding time to or from school shall not be considered as excessive.</p> <p>Bus stops shall be established, considering convenience to the rider being picked up and others on the bus. Students may be asked to walk to convenient pickup points so that other riders are not inconvenienced with excessive riding time.</p>
SC 1361	<p><u>Nonpublic School Transportation</u></p> <p>In accordance with law, the district shall provide transportation services to resident students attending nonpublic schools located within ten (10) miles of the nearest border of the school district.</p> <p>Transportation shall be provided only to those nonpublic schools registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p> <p>Routes for nonpublic school buses shall be developed during the summer months preceding each school year, with input received from the schools and the parents/guardians of the students to be transported. Once these routes are firmly established there shall be no major alterations if such changes result in a significant increase in riding time for other students. In such cases, parents/guardians of new students may be asked to share the responsibility for transportation by taking their child(ren) to an existing bus stop.</p>

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<p>School Code 1331, 1361, 1362, 1374, 2541, 2542</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4</p> <p>Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.</p>	<p>When students cannot be transported by bus due to insufficient numbers of students assigned to a given school, the district may reimburse parents/guardians to use their personal vehicle to provide necessary transportation. The mileage reimbursement in such cases shall be the same as the rate for district employees who receive travel reimbursements.</p> <p>In the event there are multiple families attending one nonpublic school and busing is not feasible, the district may negotiate with one of the parents/guardians or another provider to transport all of the children to that school.</p> <p>Any contractor who provides transportation for students other than his/her child(ren) shall carry adequate liability insurance in amounts specified by the Board.</p>
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