

Upper Perkiomen School District

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<p>1. 1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 23.1</p>	<p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1362</p>	<p>The Board shall contract for school bus services for transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for field trips and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>The Board shall provide transportation for students living within the prescribed limits when walking conditions to the school are found to be hazardous by the Department of Transportation.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.3 SC 1374 SC 1361</p>	<p>The Board shall transport handicapped students according to their I.E.P.</p> <p>The Board shall transport eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools within the distance prescribed by law.</p> <p>The Board shall transport students in grades K-5 who are picked up or dropped off at a destination other than their home on a daily basis for the purpose of child care. Transportation will not be provided for any day care facility located within a walking boundary or outside of the district. The parent/s of students in child care must submit a written request to the Director of Transportation/Registration yearly for review and approval.</p> <p>The following conditions must also be met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child care request form with parent signature must be submitted by the second Friday in August; 2. Such students must board or disembark at an existing stop on the regularly scheduled bus route; 3. There must be space available on the bus; 4. Such students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; 5. Such students may not continue to ride the bus if other students, eligible for transportation under the foregoing provisions, are assigned to the bus causing the bus to reach its rated capacity; and 6. The request must be for a minimum of two months. 7. A request to ride an alternative bus, for a temporary situation, will not be issued. 8. Subject to the foregoing, not more than three (3) requests for change in location to accommodate a modification of child-care arrangements may be sought during a school term. Split schedule requests will only be accommodated one (1) time per school term.
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The school bus driver shall be responsible for seat assignment, monitoring and reporting of the misconduct of student/students while they are being transported.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p>	<p>The principal may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents shall be responsible for the student's transportation.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 Title 22 23.21-2 Title 22 Sec 23.4</p>	<p>The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall be responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promulgate rules governing the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school related activities. 2. Prepare a district map or schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route. 3. Maintain records and make reports required by the State Board of Education regarding school transportation. 4. Promulgate rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the Upper Perkiomen School District.
<p>SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq 23 Pa. C.S.A.</p>	<p>A school bus driver shall not be employed until s/he has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history, federal criminal history record, child abuse, driving record and the contractor has evaluated the results of that screening process.</p>
<p>Sec. 6301 et seq 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 67 Sec. 212.101</p>	<p>The Board shall ensure that permanent signs, where required, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions are maintained on district property at locations where passengers load and unload.</p> <p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish regulations pertaining to locations and specifications for bus stops pursuant to applicable law.</p>
<p>SC 11</p>	<p><u>Reports of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u></p> <p>District bus drivers and/or district's transportation contract carriers shall be responsible for informing 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.
<p>Pol. 304</p>	<p>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 contract carriers.</p>
<p>Pol. 317</p>	<p>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 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>

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6. Obey the driver promptly. The driver is in complete charge while the transportation vehicle is in operation.
7. Keep the bus clean and sanitary, neither smoking nor drug use is permitted. No chewing gum, candy, soda, ice cream or other food is permitted on the bus at any time. No animals/pets are allowed.
8. Maintain proper conduct. The use of obscene language is not permitted.
9. Keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times.
10. Be respectful to fellow pupils and to the bus driver.
11. Be respectful of bus equipment. Damage to seats and other parts is often unnecessary and always costly. Students will be held responsible for any and all damage to the bus perpetrated by them.
12. Remain seated until the bus stops at designated stop; if crossing you must cross in front of the bus, look both ways as you are crossing to make sure all traffic is stopped.

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1331, 1361, 1362, 1365, 1366, 1374, 2541, 2542

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 e seq., 15.1 et seq., 23.1, 23.2., 23.3, 23.4, 23.6

State Department of Transportation Regulations - 67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq.

Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act - 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.

Child Protective Services Law - 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.

Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations - 49 CFR Part 37, Part 38

Board Policy - 000, 103, 121, 304, 317