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Purpose

It is the policy of Springfield School District (“District”) to provide safe, courteous and scheduled bus transportation in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania and other factors as defined in this policy.

Authority

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) shall purchase/lease, equip, and maintain vehicles and/or contract for school bus services for transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours for public and non-public school children and for extracurricular activity trips for public school children. Field trips are provided in accordance with Act 372. (See Field Trips Policy No. 121)[1][2][3][4][5][6]

Students attending grades 9 through 12 shall be transported when they live one and one-half miles or more from the school property. Pupils attending grades 1 through 8 shall be transported when they live one mile or more from the school property. All distances are measured from nearest edge of property to nearest edge of property. Requests for busing of children residing inside the distance limits set by the School Board will not be honored unless the child is considered handicapped under Chapters 14 and 342 of the Pennsylvania School Code and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Students from areas which are closer than these distances may be transported in cases where PennDot certifies that a temporary or permanent hazardous condition exists which precludes the children from walking to school.[2]

The Board shall provide transportation for students with disabilities, without regard to distance or hazardous walking conditions, when required by the student’s individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.[12][13][14][15][16]

The Board shall provide transportation for eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or charter schools as required by law.[2][4][17]

The Board shall provide transportation for children in foster care in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and the local transportation plan.[18][19]

The Board shall provide transportation for homeless children and youths in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.[20][21]

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.[22]

Delegation of Responsibility

The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported to or from school. A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents/guardians are responsible for the pupil’s transportation.[5]

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 Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

SUPERSEDES: Policy No. 3541, School Bus Transportation

DISCLAIMERS:

This policy is superseded by all current federal and state laws and mandates.

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[1. 24 P.S. 1361](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 1362](#)

[3. 22 PA Code 23.1](#)

[4. 22 PA Code 23.2](#)

[5. 22 PA Code 23.4](#)

6. Pol. 121

[24 P.S. 111](#)

[24 P.S. 1331](#)

[24 P.S. 1365](#)

[24 P.S. 1366](#)

[24 P.S. 1374](#)

[24 P.S. 2541](#)

[24 P.S. 2542](#)

[22 PA Code 23.3](#)

[22 PA Code 23.6](#)

[22 PA Code 15.1 et seq](#)

[22 PA Code 8.1 et seq](#)

[67 PA Code 212.101](#)

[67 PA Code 447.1 et seq](#)

[23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq](#)

[35 P.S. 4601 et seq](#)

[49 CFR Part 37](#)

[49 CFR Part 38](#)