NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION

1. Purpose	Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.
2. Authority SC 1361, 1362 Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4	The Board shall purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles for transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for field trips and extracurricular activities.
SC 1362 Title 67 Sec. 447.1 et seq	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.
SC 1374 Title 22 Sec. 23.3 Pol. 103	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 s/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 or unload.
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 Pol. 121	1. Establish administrative regulations that specify the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities and field trips.
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.
	<u>Reports Of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u>
	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:
	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.
SC 111	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. 303, 404, 504	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 carriers.
Pol. 317, 417, 517	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. 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. <u>Use of Video Cameras</u> Student behavior on the school bus and the driver's management of student behavior are the two (2) key elements to a safe and enjoyable bus ride. The video camera on a school bus is an aid to monitoring bus discipline. The use of video cameras does not replace the bus discipline policy, the authority of the driver or the responsibility of the students, bus driver or school district. <u>Emergency Request</u> Emergency requests in writing from a parent/guardian for an alternate bus or an alternate bus stop may be approved by the building principal for the following reasons: 1. Death in the family. 2. Hospitalization of an immediate family member.

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 et 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.

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 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 – 103, 103.1, 121, 303, 317, 404, 417, 504, 517