

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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| 810. TRANSPORTATION | |
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| <p>1. Purpose</p> | <p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Board policy.</p> |
| <p>2. Authority</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 SC 1361, 1362</p> <p>SC 1362</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.3 SC 1374</p> <p>SC 1361</p> <p>SC 111 Title 22 Sec 8.1 et seq 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq</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>The Board shall transport handicapped students without regard to distance or hazardous walking conditions.</p> <p>The Board shall transport eligible resident students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools within the distance prescribed by law.</p> <p>Contractor shall not employ a school bus driver until she/he has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse. Contractor shall then submit all required documentation to the Business Manager.</p> |
| <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p> | <p>The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported.</p> <p>The principal may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation.</p> |

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| <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p> | <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish rules governing the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities. 2. Prepare a district schedule indicating each bus stop and bus route. 3. Maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation. 4. Distribute rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the district. |
| <p>SC 111</p> | <p><u>Reports of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u></p> <p>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. |
| <p>Pol. 504</p> | <p>This responsibility is in addition to the requirements for clearances that must be presented to the district when an individual is initially hired by the contract carriers.</p> <p>The 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> |

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.

References:

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

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

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

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