

Pennsbury School District

School Board Policy

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Title: Eligibility for Transportation to Non-public Schools

Purpose: This policy sets forth the conditions and circumstances under which the Pennsbury School Board will consider a non-public school to be eligible for free transportation for enrolled resident pupils pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code.

Policy: Eligibility

In order to qualify as an eligible non-public school, a school must be operated not for profit and must be located within the School District boundaries or outside the School District boundaries at a distance not exceeding ten miles via public highway(s). The ten-mile limit does not apply to special education schools and classes where Pennsbury students are placed, as approved by the School District.

Establishing Eligibility

The parents or guardians of a resident student desiring to establish eligibility of a non-public school for purposes of obtaining of free transportation shall provide information obtained from the school in which the student is enrolled and to which transportation is requested in accordance with this policy. Such information shall be furnished annually and the School District will determine whether a non-public school is eligible on the basis of such information.

Lawful Enrollment

A statement from the non-public school in which the resident pupil is enrolled shall establish lawful enrollment by the following:

1. Written confirmation that the pupil is enrolled at the non-public school.
2. A statement that the non-public school has been approved by the Department of Education.

Not Operated for Profit Status

A statement from the non-public school in which the resident pupil is enrolled shall establish that the school is not operated for profit, by the following:

1. A certified copy of articles of incorporation showing that the school is a nonprofit corporation or has otherwise established nonprofit status under applicable state law.
2. Written evidence of federal tax exemption pursuant to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. A verified statement made by a person authorized to do so that there has been no change in the purpose, character or method of operation of the school subsequent to issuance of an Internal Revenue Service ruling of federal tax exempt status.
4. A verified statement by the chief executive officer, chairperson of the board of directors or trustees, or auditor, of the school that it was not operated for profit and that during the preceding fiscal year no part of the net earnings of the school inured to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.

Location

A statement from the non-public school in which the resident pupil is enrolled shall establish, subject to verification by the School District, that the school is located within Pennsbury boundaries or outside School District boundaries at a distance not exceeding ten miles, provided that it includes the following information:

1. A description of the location of the school.
2. A statement that the school is located within School District boundaries, or a description of a route via public highway from the school to a boundary of the School District which does not exceed ten miles in distance and which specifies the distance of such route in miles and tenths.

**Responsible
Administrator:** Director of Transportation