

# Pennsbury School District

## School Board Policy

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**Title:** Bus Assignment and Bus Stops

**Purpose:** This document sets forth the School District's policy on the transportation and assignment of students to particular buses and bus stops.

**References:** School Board Policy No. 810.13, titled *Transportation of Elementary Students to Child Care Providers*

**Policy:** Bus Stops

The School Board approves bus stops. Bus stops shall be established in areas central to the neighborhoods and will be used by public and private school students alike. Students must respect the property surrounding the bus stops and must not congregate on or damage private property while awaiting or departing the school bus. No student shall be knowingly discharged any place other than at his or her designated stop or school without a written request signed by the parents or guardians and approved by the child's school principal.

### Transportation Privilege

Parents or guardians and students must realize that school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right.

1. Misbehavior by students of any kind will not be tolerated. A student whose activities on the bus are determined to be disruptive or dangerous will be reported by the school bus driver to the principal and may result in the temporary or permanent loss of the student's bus riding privileges. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to fighting, throwing objects, vandalizing bus equipment, smoking, lighting matches or lighters, drinking, using profanity, verbal abuse, or other actions that disrupt or distract from the safe operation of the school bus. Principals or bus drivers may assign students to specific seats on the school bus.
2. The School District, its employees or its agents shall not be held responsible in any way for a suspended student's safe transportation

and continued attendance during the period of suspended bus privileges.

3. Pupils shall ride on assigned buses. Parents or guardians may request in writing any permanent exception from this rule. Requests shall be submitted to the student's principal and then forwarded to the Director of Transportation for consideration.

#### Use of Bus Stops Other than Assigned Stop

Students will board and disembark at their assigned bus stops unless permission is granted by the Director of Transportation to use another bus stop. Parents or guardians of elementary school students seeking an alternate bus stop for purposes of child care should refer to School Board Policy No. 810.13 titled, *Transportation of Elementary Students to Child Care Providers*, for further information. All requests will be reviewed by the principal and the Director of Transportation and must be approved before an alternate stop is initiated. Parents or guardians will assume the responsibility of the child when such a request is granted.

#### Students with Disabilities

The School District will establish bus stops to accommodate students with disabilities who are unable to walk to or from regional bus stops. The Special Education Department shall notify the Transportation Department of the names of these disabled students and their required accommodations.

A student experiencing temporary medical conditions limiting his or her ability to walk to a regional bus stop will be provided with a temporary special bus stop provided a medical certificate or statement from the child's physician is sent to the Transportation Office. The medical certificate must specify the duration of time the child will require the modified bus service. Parents or guardians are responsible for obtaining the statement and forwarding it to the Transportation Office.

#### Movement of Residence

A child who moves from one attendance area to another (within the School District) may finish the school year in the original school to which he or she was assigned, provided that a parent or guardian must furnish transportation. However, a child must then be assigned to his or her own attendance area the following year unless an attendance exception is granted.

**Responsible  
Administrator:** Director of Transportation