

# School District of Springfield Township

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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## 810. Student Transportation

The School District will provide transportation in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code.

Students who live farther from the school than the walking distance set forth below, measured by the method described in Section 1366 of the Pennsylvania School Code, will be transported:

1. One-half mile (1/2) for students in grades K-5;
2. One mile (1) for students in grades 6-12.

Walking distances for students are approximate and refer to general walking areas which may exceed the specific distances indicated, but in no case shall exceed School Code walking distances for reimbursable student transportation services. In cases where a dangerous highway condition exists and no safe walking route is available or no crossing guard is provided, the school district reserves the right to transport a student to assure safety for that child. However, in cases where a safe route is available, but it is not the most direct route, the school district reserves the right to require a child to walk, so long as School Code reimbursable distances are not exceeded.

Students who are transported to school by the school district shall be required to walk to and from their assigned bus stops if the distance is equal to or less than that described in the above paragraph.

### Transportation Exceptions

1. Students receiving before and after school child care services will be transported from and delivered to assigned bus stops serving requested and approved alternate locations within the township when reporting to and returning from full day school programs. School year requests for alternate locations will be accepted for incorporation in the transportation schedule when the alternate location is requested

and approved as the recurring daily before and after school location. When the request is for recurring daily one-way (either before or after school) transportation only, for transportation involving split locations (differing recurring daily before and after school locations), requests will be approved on an available seating basis only.

2. All transportation exceptions must be requested in writing on or before August 1 of each school year through a Transportation Exception Request Form.
3. New requests or revisions to existing requests submitted after August 1 of each school year will be accepted on an available seating basis only, and a response will be provided within two (2) weeks of the receipt of the written request.
4. The provision of assigned alternate stops will be in accordance with walking distances and parameters of the Guidelines set forth in this policy.
5. The Superintendent shall make the final decision to any appeal made in regard to the provision of child care transportation.

#### Students In Walking Areas

Requests for walkers to ride buses will require an approved Transportation Exception Request Form.

#### Transportation Is Not Mandatory

1. To any place other than the student's regularly assigned bus stop which is based on his/her residence.
2. If a student has had riding privileges suspended or revoked for improper behavior on a bus.

#### Conduct and Safety

It is crucial to maintain safe conditions on school district vehicles. A student may be requested to leave a vehicle whenever the student's conduct endangers the life or safety of others. Smoking is prohibited on all vehicles. Video cameras may be placed in any district school bus, as authorized by Board Policy 218.2. The administration shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

#### Loss of Transportation Privileges

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to establish rules of conduct for student behavior on school vehicles that will be provided to all students at the beginning of each school year, including students who attend non-district schools.

	<p>Transportation is a privilege. This policy helps ensure safe vehicle transportation for students and school vehicle drivers. Students who violate transportation regulations may have transportation privileges suspended. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from school if the child has been suspended from school vehicle transportation. All School District of Springfield Township transportation regulations will be followed by students and enforced by school vehicle drivers and administrators.</p>
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