

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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# TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 810. TRANSPORTATION

1. Purpose  
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Sec. 23.4  
SC 1361

Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and the following guidelines.

2. Authority

School bus transportation is a permitted function under the Public School Code of Pennsylvania. It is not a mandated function. The District, therefore, has discretionary authority over bus routes, bus stops and related matters.

The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District will transport students from the student's residence. This shall be done in accordance with guidelines contained in the Public School Code and Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania. The Public School Code states that the maximum walking distance shall be one and one-half (1 ½) miles for elementary students unless a hazardous route exists as certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. It is the intent of the District to provide a safe, efficient and economical transportation system.

School bus transportation is a privilege that may be taken away for unacceptable behavior. Proper behavior on buses and at bus stops is directly related to transportation safety. Parents and guardians are encouraged to emphasize this with the students.

### Nonpublic School Transportation

Transportation will be provided to licensed private schools in accordance with Provisions of the Public School Code. Whenever possible and appropriate, private school students will be accommodated on the same basis as public school students. Legal interpretation of School Code provisions, if needed, will be obtained from the solicitor for the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District. Private school transportation must also be supported by appropriate student profile information.

Late Buses

Late bus routes may be established for the convenience of students participating in extracurricular activities. Such routes will be as uniform in length as possible and bus stops will be established at locations close to the District's population centers. Such buses will not necessarily follow regular bus routes.

Bus Stop Shelters

Bus stop shelters are not provided by the District. However, the District will provide appropriate bus stop information to interested individuals and/or community groups desiring to erect bus shelter. Such individuals and/or community groups will be responsible for obtaining the necessary approvals, insurance and for maintaining the bus shelter.

Use of School Bus Emergency Doors and Equipment

Students who are transported by school buses shall use the bus emergency doors and other emergency exits, the emergency fire equipment and first aid kits only under the direction of the bus driver, during a scheduled evacuation drill, or only in the case of an obvious emergency.

See Also Administrative Regulation