

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose 2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 SC 1361, 1362 3. Delegation of Responsibility 	<p style="text-align: center;">810. TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>The Board of School Directors of the Fairview School District has determined that transportation of students promotes goals of safety and timeliness which contribute to the educational program of the district. This policy shall establish parameters for the transportation of students in accordance with the following guidelines.</p> <p>The Board shall purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles and/or contract for school bus services for the transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for the transportation of students on field trips and athletic trips.</p> <p><u>Responsibility of the Fairview School District</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It shall be the responsibility of the district to provide safe and timely transportation for all students in the district. 2. The district shall be responsible for establishing safe bus routes and bus stops. <p><u>Responsibility of Parents/Guardians</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to get the children to the bus stop in a timely fashion. Generally, parents/guardians should have students at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled time of arrival by the bus and be prepared to wait up to ten (10) minutes after the stopped time in case the bus is late. 2. Parents/Guardians should also be responsible to dress students appropriately for waiting at the bus stop, taking into consideration the weather conditions. 3. Parents/Guardians should make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for pupil transportation.
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 24 P.S. Sec. 1362</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>4. It is recommended that parents/guardians accompany K-4 students to the bus stop and wait at the bus stop until the bus has arrived.</p> <p><u>Bus Routes</u></p> <p>The district has the sole responsibility for determination of routes to be taken by school buses and vans. Once these routes have been established and approved by the Board for the designated school year, any deviation from this route for a school bus or van is prohibited except with prior approval of the transportation supervisor.</p> <p><u>School Bus Stops</u></p> <p>The district has the responsibility for the assignment of school bus stops. Parents/Guardians must recognize bus assignments can not be customized to meet every individual need and still be part of an efficient and economical transportation system. The Public School Code provides that students may be required to walk up to 1 1/2 miles (24 P.S. § 1362) unless prohibited from doing so by hazardous walking routes. In establishing school bus stops, the Board intends to balance the interests of the students and parents/guardians as well as the need to provide a safe and efficient transportation system within the time constraints of available staff and equipment.</p> <p><u>Guidelines for the Establishment of Bus Stops</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Door to door transportation of students cannot be provided to the general student population. Where required, special needs students may be provided with door to door transportation service. 2. School bus stops shall be approved by the Board based upon recommendations of the transportation supervisor which are safe for the loading and unloading of students. For these purposes, the transportation supervisor shall designate locations for bus stops which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide sufficient site distance for approaching motorists who must stop at the bus stop location. b. Are not located on the grade of a hill, where avoidable. c. Provide adequate waiting areas for children. Students will be required to walk to a bus stop. As a general rule, grades K-4 will be expected to walk approximately three hundred (300) feet from their nearest property line; grades 5-8 will be expected to walk approximately five hundred (500) feet
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from their nearest property line, and grades 9-12 will be expected to walk approximately eight hundred (800) feet from their nearest property line to an established bus stop, unless provided otherwise in this policy.

3. School buses will not enter cul-de-sacs and dead end streets unless the walking distance from the cul-de-sac or dead end street to a through street is greater than 1,000 feet with a safe and proper turn around for the bus.
4. Exceptions to the parameters for walking distances for students may be made for hazardous walking routes, including Routes 5, 20 and 98.
5. All walking distances will be established by the transportation supervisor based upon the above policy language, the safety of the students, and in accordance with all applicable state regulations and site distance limitations.
6. Establishment of bus stops and walking distances may be modified beyond the limitations provided herein when necessary according to applicable state regulations and to provide safe bus stops.
7. Bus drivers will be required to conform routes to the approved bus routes and bus stops and will not be permitted to deviate from the established bus route or bus stop unless driver has received prior approval from the transportation supervisor as a result of a health or safety hazard.
8. A request for new bus stops will be evaluated by the transportation supervisor from a traffic safety standpoint only, using criteria established by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. In the event the transportation supervisor is unable to make a recommendation and desires assistance, the supervisor will consult with the district Controller.
9. The district cannot always consider factors that are associated with individual family or parental personal situations. To this end, bus stops will not be established so that parents/guardians are able to see their children walking to the bus stop or waiting at the bus stop from individual homes. The district is unable to accommodate individual work schedules or baby-sitting arrangements. Each student will be assigned only one (1) a.m. stop and one (1) p.m. stop. Exceptions will be handled through the principal's office and will require a written approval from the principal's office.
10. It is the intent of the Board that bus stops be established at street intersections whenever possible.

	<p><u>Transportation Guidelines</u></p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 The Superintendent shall promulgate rules governing the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school-related activities.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 The Superintendent shall prepare a map of the district indicating each bus stop and bus route and will prepare scheduled bus stops and itinerary of bus routes to be used in conjunction with the district map.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.4 The Superintendent shall maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as required by the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.3 SC 1374 The Superintendent shall ensure that handicapped pupils are assisted appropriately in their transportation needs.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 The Superintendent shall promulgate rules governing student conduct during transport to and from school, and such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the Board.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4 The school bus drivers shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported to or from school. A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the building principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents/guardians are responsible for the pupil's transportation.</p> <p>SC 1361 Transportation of non-public school pupils shall be in accordance with existing state laws and regulations. All such regulations contained in this policy shall apply to non-public school pupils.</p> <p><u>Auxiliary Agencies</u></p> <p>When the Fairview School District elects to provide transportation, such transportation shall be provided for curricular or extracurricular activities under the provisions of state laws and regulations. The Superintendent, in cooperation with the transportation supervisor, shall administer the operations so as to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide for maximum safety of pupils. 2. Supplement and reinforce desirable pupil behavior patterns. 3. Assist handicap pupils appropriately.
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4. Enrich the instructional program through carefully planned field trips as recommended by the staff.
5. Provide transportation for extracurricular programs.

The Board may use the services of transportation companies for extracurricular bus runs and/or other runs as necessary when Fairview School District buses are not available.