## SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION: GENERAL

**POLICY** 

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## 810 TRANSPORTATION: GENERAL POLICY

The School District shall provide transportation accommodations for all resident, public and non-public school pupils in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the Pennsylvania School Code.

Transportation services to and from school shall be provided by the District in accordance with this policy. The Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation shall establish the necessary bus schedules to provide an efficient transportation system. Safety shall be the primary consideration in determining bus routes and locating bus stops for the bus schedule. Such schedules shall be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval at the beginning of each school year. Individual student bus stop locations and the subsequent arrival and departure times shall be forwarded to the home address of all students assigned transportation prior to the start of each school year.

Bus schedules shall be developed which reflect the following:

- 1. Desired maximum riding time
  - a. 40-50 minutes for elementary student
  - b. 50-60 minutes form secondary students
  - c. 80-90 minutes for vo-tech students and students attending non-public schools outside of the Southern Lehigh School District.
- 2. Minimum distances between bus stops on the same run generally shall not be less than 500 feet.
- 3. All students' bus stops must remain constant, Monday through Friday. However, the district will accommodate a different A.M. bust stop for a student than his or her P.M. bust stop, with the same weekly consistency.
- 4. The non-public school transportation commitments of the district.

Students are expected to arrive at their designated bus stop at least five minutes prior to the bus's scheduled arrival time.

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If the temperature is below freezing or if there is heavy, steady precipitation, students may return to their homes when the bus has not arrived within fifteen minutes of its scheduled time. If the temperature is above freezing and there is no steady precipitation, students shall wait for up to forty minutes.

In the case of a student who misses his or her bus, it shall be the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to or from school.

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