

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION	
1. Purpose	Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.
2. Authority	Student transportation to and from the career and technical school shall be provided by the sending schools. Alternative means of transportation must be approved by the Executive Director of the technical school or his/her designee.
SC 1850.1	The Joint Operating Committee may contract for bus services, for field trips, clinical/school-to-work activities, and student organization events.
SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq	A school bus driver shall not be employed until s/he has complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the contractor has evaluated the results of that screening process.
35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits any diesel-powered motor vehicle weighing 10,001 pounds or more to idle for more than five (5) minutes in any continuous sixty-minute period while parked, loading or unloading, except as allowed by law.
Title 67 Sec. 212.101	The Joint Operating Committee shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of idling restrictions, are maintained on school property at locations where diesel-powered motor vehicles weighing 10,001 pounds or more load or unload. Signs shall also be posted at locations that provide fifteen (15) or more parking spaces for such diesel-powered motor vehicles. If a student's conduct violates the technical center's Student Code of Conduct, the building administrator may suspend a student from bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, and the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the student's transportation.

<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p>The school will notify students, in writing of rules governing student conduct during transport; such rules shall be binding on all students transported to and from the school. All student transport between the technical school and clinical sites or field trip locations shall be done with approved means of transportation. Any variation must be made in writing to the Executive Director and/or designee. Students who deliberately miss any means of approved transportation may have disciplinary consequences.</p> <p><u>Reports Of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u></p> <p>Bus drivers employed by the school and/or school’s transportation contract carriers shall be responsible to inform the school in writing at the beginning of each school year whether or not they or any of their employees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been charged, subsequent to approval by the Joint Operating Committee as a bus driver, with a criminal offense that would bar their employment as bus drivers or contracted service providers. 2. Were charged with a crime deemed serious under the criteria established by law. 3. Have been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect their suitability to have direct contact with students. <p>SC 111</p> <p>Pol. 304</p> <p>Pol. 317</p> <p>This responsibility is in addition to the requirement for clearances that must be presented to the school when an individual is initially hired by the school or the contract carriers.</p> <p>The school and contract carriers shall have procedures in place to ensure they are notified by their employees when the employees are charged with crimes or child abuse. The procedures shall also include the provision that the failure on the part of employees to make such a timely notification shall subject them to disciplinary action, including termination.</p> <p>If any bus drivers have been charged as stated in this policy, the transportation contract carriers shall, in their written, yearly notification, include the name of employee, nature of the offense, and the status of the disposition. The school will review this information to determine if the employee shall continue to transport the school’s students.</p> <p>Students who miss the bus scheduled to return them to the sending school will remain at the technical school and shall receive an unexcused absence for nonattendance at the sending school unless they were detained by the technical school staff.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1331, 1361, 1362, 1365, 1366, 1374, 1850.1, 2541, 2542

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 15.1 et seq., 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.6

State Department of Transportation Regulations – 67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq.

Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 000, 103, 121, 304, 317