# HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: **OPERATIONS** 

TITLE: **TRANSPORTATION** 

ADOPTED: September 28, 2015

**REVISED:** 

1. Purpose SC 1361, 1362 Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4

The Board shall provide transportation for students within the limit prescribed by the School Code. The scope of this service includes the provision of a safe, consistent, and predictable operation of transportation. It is the Board's intent to primarily authorize the transportation of students from their home to school and back to their home. The bus stops should be positioned with reason and safety, and practically positioned in relation to other stops, homes, and physical landforms, so as to provide for efficient routes to and from school.

### 2. Authority

The Board shall provide for reasonable transportation of students on field trips and for extracurricular activities.

In cases where transportation is required, but it is not feasible to furnish bus transportation, contracts may be established with parents/guardians or private contractors to furnish transportation.

The Board is authorized to provide transportation for resident students attending public school.

SC 1361

The Board is required to provide transportation for eligible resident students to nonpublic schools not operated for profit located within the district boundaries or outside the boundaries via the nearest paved public highway when the distance does not exceed ten (10) miles from the district boundaries.

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 district or contractor has evaluated the results of that screening process.

35 P.S.

Sec. 4601 et seq

The Board 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.

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|    | Title 67<br>Sec. 212.101                                 | The Board shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions, are maintained on district 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. |
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| 3. | Delegation of<br>Responsibility<br>Title 22<br>Sec. 23.4 | The Superintendent shall maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education.   |
|    | Title 22<br>Sec. 23.4                                    | The Superintendent shall promulgate rules governing student conduct during transport to and from school. Such rules shall be binding for all students transported by the district.  |
|    | Title 22<br>Sec. 23.4                                    | The Superintendent shall develop procedures governing the transportation of students to and from school.  |
|    |  | The Superintendent, through the Business Manager and Transportation Coordinator, shall administer the transportation with the following factors as guides:  |
|    |  | Provide for maximum safety of students.   |
|    |  | 2. Require and reinforce desirable student behavior.  |
|    |  | 3. Provide and assist handicapped or special education students in an appropriate manner.   |
|    |  | 4. Achieve reasonable economy in the operation of buses and the establishment of routes.  |
|    |  | Reports Of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse  |
|    |  | District bus drivers and/or the district's transportation contract carriers shall be responsible to inform the district in writing at the beginning of each school year whether or not they or any of their employees:  |
|    | SC 111   | 1. Have been charged, subsequent to approval as a district 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 as determined by the district on a case-by-case basis.  |

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3. Have been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect their suitability to have direct contact with students.

Pol. 304

This responsibility is in addition to the requirement for clearances that must be presented to the district when an individual is initially hired by the district or the contract carriers.

Pol. 317

The district 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.

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 the employee, nature of the offense, and the status of the disposition. The district will review this information to determine if the employee shall continue to transport district students.

#### References:

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

Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations – 49 CFR Part 37, Part 38

Board Policy – 000, 103, 121, 304, 317