NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Resident pupils attending nonpublic schools outside of the Bethlehem Central School District (the District) will be transported up to a maximum of fifteen miles from their home to the school, in accordance with state regulations. Non-public schools located within the district are eligible for transportation in accordance with District policies.

Transportation requests for students attending nonpublic schools must be received by the District’s Transportation Department no later than April 1st preceding the beginning of the next school year, and must be resubmitted for every school year thereafter no later than April 1st. If a student moves into the District later than April 1st, the request must be received within thirty days of establishing residence in the District.

All late requests, however, shall be considered by the Board of Education (the Board) on the basis of the merits of each case. Criteria used by the Board in judging whether to accept a late request may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. State Education regulations and law.
2. Whether transportation will require additional cost and/or lengthen the ride time for other students and, if so, the reasonableness of the excuse for the late request.

Nonpublic schools will be expected to schedule the opening or closing hours of school within reasonable times of the Bethlehem opening and closing. The District will not provide transportation to nonpublic schools on days when public schools are scheduled to be closed. Nonpublic school requests for late bus transportation for students attending nonpublic schools may be considered, but such consideration will be limited to the type and timing of late bus transportation approved for students attending the public schools of the District. The transfer routes for nonpublic transportation will not be considered late bus transportation.

Cross-ref: 8411, School Bus Scheduling and Routing
8411-R, School Bus Scheduling and Routing Regulation
8412, Walking Distance to a Bus Stop
8413, Public School Transportation

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