

District Transportation Policy

1. All students must return a transportation request form even if transportation is not required.
2. Students need to be at the appropriate bus stop 10 minutes before pick-up time.
3. Students must be seated before the bus moves and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
4. Students will not tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
5. Students will not extend any part of the body from the bus.
6. Students will not eat or drink beverages on the bus.
7. Students will be courteous to the driver, obey him/her, and give him/her the respect due a teacher.
8. Students will not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion or distract his/her attention by loud talking or disorderly behavior.
9. It shall be the policy of the Mahanoy Area School Board of Education that all students who are transported ride to and from school only on buses to which they are assigned. Students will be picked up and dropped off only at their same designated stops each school day. Exceptions may be made only for emergencies but must be pre-approved by the Principal. However, the school district will limit exceptions.

Stop changes must be of a permanent nature and submitted on the Stop Update Form. It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for the child at the designated bus stop. In other words, if a parent normally meets the child at the bus stop after school and is not able to pick the child up one day, it is the responsibility of the parent to find someone else to be at the bus stop for the child.

10. If there is no available school bus space on existing routes to meet all requests, requests will be granted to the limits of available space in the order received.

11. Mahanoy Area will no longer offer an Early Dismissal Stop effective for the 2013-2014 school year. Therefore, if your child's school has an early dismissal, your child will be dropped off at their Regular Daily Stop.

BUS CONDUCT

Protection and safety of all children is the primary responsibility of the school bus driver and must take a precedence over all other considerations while the bus is going to or from school. The driver may direct students to behave. If misconduct persists, the driver shall refer, in writing on a form provided by the school district, the pupil or pupil(s) to the principal.

The principal shall investigate each disciplinary referral and shall give the pupil(s) accused of misconduct an opportunity to respond.

Parents of pupils disciplined shall be advised of the district's action and will receive a copy of the disciplinary bus conduct report.

For any misconduct report, the school policy will be in effect.

1st bus misconduct report – Warning or at the discretion of the principal, student loses privilege of riding the school bus for one (1) day. Parents must provide transportation to school or child will be marked illegally absent. Parents must also provide transportation home from school.

2nd bus misconduct report – Student loses privilege of riding the school bus for three (3) consecutive days. Parents must provide transportation to school or child will be marked illegally absent. Parents must also provide transportation home from school.

3rd bus misconduct report – Student will lose all bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be responsible to provide transportation to and from school.

*More severe infractions may result in immediate suspension from riding the bus or consequences outlined in the school policy.