

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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810. TRANSPORTATION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the need to provide transportation services to students attending the center in a safe and efficient manner.</p> <p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>SC 1361, 1362 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 23.1, 23.2, 23.4 SC 1850.1 Articles of Agreement</p> <p>SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq. 23 Pa., C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.</p> <p>Title 67 Sec. 212.101</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee shall contract for bus services for transportation of students to and from the center at regularly scheduled hours and for field trips and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Student transportation to and from the technical center shall be provided by the home schools.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee shall ensure that permanent signs, notifying drivers of the idling restrictions, are maintained on center property at locations where passengers load and unload.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported.</p>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 23.4</p>	<p>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>
	<p><u>Reports of Employee Crimes/Child Abuse</u></p>
	<p>Bus drivers employed by the center and/or the center's transportation contract carrier shall be responsible to inform the center in writing at the beginning of each school year whether or not they or any of their employees:</p>
	<p>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.</p>
<p>SC 111</p>	<p>Were charged with a crime deemed serious under the criteria established by law.</p>
	<p>Have been charged with or convicted of crimes that affect their suitability to have direct contact with students.</p>
<p>Pol. 304</p>	<p>The center 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>Pol. 317</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 the employee, nature of the offense, and the status of the disposition. The center will review this information to determine if the employee shall continue to transport the center's students.</p>
	<p>References:</p>
	<p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1331, 1361, 1362, 1365, 1366, 1374, 1850.1, 2541, 2542</p>
	<p>State Board of Educational Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 15.1 et seq., 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.6</p>
	<p>State Department of Transportation Regulations – 67 PA Code Sec. 212.101, 447.1 et seq.</p>
	<p>Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 4601 et seq.</p>

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

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