



Transportation Services

Your Children are Our Top Priority

Transporting more than 30,000 children to and from school every day is a big responsibility—one we take very seriously. We are committed to both safety and service, and have a team of supervisors on staff to answer any questions or concerns you may have. To contact us, call 412-529-8125 or visit www.pghschools.org/contacttransportation.

Who is Eligible for Bus Transportation?

Students in grades K–12 who are residents of the City of Pittsburgh and attend either a Pittsburgh Public neighborhood or magnet school, or a non-public school within a ten-mile radius of the City are eligible for bus transportation. PreK students are not eligible for bus transportation unless they are students with exceptionalities who have been placed by Early Intervention.

- PPS students in grades K–8 may ride the bus if they live more than 1.5 miles from school.
- PPS students in grades 9–12 are eligible for bus transportation if they live more than two miles from the school.

Are there exceptions? Yes!

- 1. Hazardous Routes:** As determined by PennDOT, exceptions to transportation eligibility can be made if the highway, road, or traffic conditions on the route are hazardous to the safety of the child.
- 2. Medical Reasons:** Students may qualify for transportation if the District Medical Consultant approves such transportation based upon information provided by student's medical provider. This information must be submitted to Health Services on the Medical Transportation form.
- 3. Exceptional Children:** Students who meet certain enrollment criteria specified by the Program for Students with Exceptionalities (PSE) may be provided transportation by the District upon recommendation of the Director of PSE. Contact the PSE office at 412-529-3132 if you have questions.

Forms to request Hazardous Routes and Medical exceptions may be found at www.pghschools.org/transportationforms. Please note: If your child is receiving specialized transportation and misses three days in a row, transportation services will be suspended. Families must notify the PPS transportation department and/or the child's school.

Bus Assignments

Your child's bus assignment is based on the home address listed on his or her student record. Early in August, you will receive a letter in the mail that contains your child's bus number, location of the bus stop, and time of pick up in the morning, and return home in the afternoon. Please keep this letter handy! It contains your child's bus number and information on how to contact the bus garage if necessary.

The Early Bird Gets the Bus!

To ensure your child does not miss the bus, arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before pick-up time.

If the bus appears to be running late, please wait at least 20 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.

If the bus comes within that timeframe and your child misses it, it is your responsibility to get him or her to school.

If the bus is later than 20 minutes or does not come at all, contact the bus garage listed on your transportation letter.

If you do not receive a transportation letter in the mail by mid-August, please contact your child's school to ensure that the correct home address is on file.


**Expect
great
things.**



Getting From Here to There

PPS partners with more than 20 different bus transportation companies to take our students safely to and from school. Every bus company is assigned a letter, and every individual bus is assigned a number. It's important to remember both the number and letter of your child's bus.

While our goal is to be on-time, all the time, we realize that sometimes buses can be late. If your bus is late or does not come, please contact the bus garage that corresponds with your child's bus number.

You'll find the bus number on your transportation letter that you received over the summer. You can also find contact information for specific bus companies at www.pghschools.org/buscompanies.

If after speaking to the garage staff, you still have questions, please contact the Transportation department at 412-529-8125.

Moving During the School Year?

If your family moves during the school year, students may remain at their current school for the remainder of that school year, but parents or guardians must apply for a PS-6 transfer through the Student Services Office.

If there is an existing bus route with space on the bus, your child's principal may request to have your child added. If your child is given transportation, he or she will receive it throughout the school year as long as there's a space available and the route remains in effect.

Following a transfer, please be patient. It may take up to two weeks to assign transportation. Contact Student Services at 412-529-3132 if you have questions about school transfer transportation.

School Bus Entry

Per the PA Crimes Code (Act 18 PA.C. S) titled "Unauthorized School Bus Entry, a person who enters a school bus without prior authorization of the driver or a school official with intent to commit a crime or disrupt or interfere with the driver or a person who without prior authorization of the driver or a school official who refuses to disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver, can be charged with a misdemeanor of the third degree.



If there's a school delay or closing, it will be announced on local TV and radio stations, as well as on the PPS website www.pghschools.org. We will also call your home phone using our automated phone messaging system.

Please make sure to update your contact information every year, or when there's a change so you don't miss these important calls.



If your child is assigned to ride a Port Authority bus, he or she can ride to school for free on the first day. Port Authority bus passes will be distributed at school that day.

Your child must use the bus pass on the way home the first day and every other day of school. It will be his or her responsibility to keep the bus pass in a safe place. The District will not replace lost or stolen passes.

Need more information?

Contact the Transportation Department at 412-529-8125.

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