



NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

1. How do I reach the Transportation Department?

Mail: Nazareth Area School District
Transportation Office
One Education Plaza
Nazareth, PA 18064
Phone: 610-759-1170 x 1177
Fax: 610-849-0878
Email: transportation@nazarethasd.org

2. Who is responsible when transportation is provided by a school district?

The board of directors oversees all aspects of the transportation program from the moment a child boards until he/she disembarks. Responsibility to and from the bus stop, as well as during the wait time, is a joint responsibility between parent/guardian and the student.

3. Can my child have an alternate bus stop for childcare?

The Transportation Committee of the Board recognizes constraints on working families and will accommodate an alternate stop for childcare purposes where that stop is along an existing route within the same building attendance area. This stop must be established on a consistent basis from week to week throughout the school year. The request must be in writing or email, as per contacts above.

4. May my child ride home on a friend's bus so that he/she may attend an after school activity?

Unfortunately, no. Our student population on buses, coupled with the requirements of the State, cannot permit the use of busses for personal convenience or the transporting of students for social arrangements.

5. How will I know my child's bus assignment for the coming year?

The Transportation Department will notify parents/guardians of each student's bus stop location, as well as pick up and drop off times, via mail and/or email over the summer. If, for any reason, bus stop locations and/or or times need to be modified, you will be informed.

6. How do you determine where my child's bus stop will be?

Bus stop locations are determined by many factors such as:

- Road sight-distance in either direction
- Safety of the stop for standing
- Distance from the nearest established stop
- Age of the student(s)

7. How far may a child be asked to walk to his/her bus stop?

Nazareth Area School District policy limits elementary and intermediate students to 1.5 miles and secondary students to 2 miles.

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8. My child has to walk to school. How is this determined?

All elementary and intermediate students living more than 1.5 miles from their schools and all secondary students living more than 2 miles from their schools shall be transported to their respective schools. The transportation of other students within the mileage radius for their schools will be designated as non-transported, and will walk to their respective schools.

Hazardous roads will be taken into consideration to determine whether your child will be transported to/from school even if they fall within the 1.5 mile or 2 mile distance from their respective schools.

All students living in the Nazareth Borough will be considered walkers to Shafer Elementary School, as well as Nazareth Area Middle School and Nazareth Area High School. Students living in Nazareth Borough will be transported to Nazareth Area Intermediate School on shuttle buses.

9. How is a hazardous road determined?

The law provided for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reviews potentially hazardous *walking* routes. PennDOT regulations do not address hazards other than road or traffic conditions. If a road is deemed hazardous by the State, students are limited to walk up to 500 feet on said road to his/her bus stop or school.

10. What time should I arrive at my bus stop?

Please have your student at the stop and ready to board the bus 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.

11. How long may a child be required to ride on a bus?

This is a decision based on criteria such as geography and student population distribution. There are no time limits set by law or regulations. Nazareth Area School District makes a sincere effort to establish reasonable and optimized routes.

12. How do I get bus service for my children if we move to a new address?

The procedures for a change of address, whether it is intra- or inter- district, is the same. You must provide proof of residency at one of the schools your student(s) will be attending. Once the address is verified as one with the boundaries of Nazareth Area School District, the school will notify the Transportation Department. At this point, a bus stop will be set up to transport the students. For proof of residency guidelines, please contact the school's main office or the Central Enrollment office.

13. We have enrolled our child in private/ non-public school and wish to apply for transportation. How do we go about this?

If the location of your school falls within the 10 mile radius of the outermost boundaries of the Nazareth Area School District, you will need to obtain a Request for Transportation under Act 372 form directing us to provide transportation. This form can be obtained from your school after your student is enrolled, and may be faxed or emailed to the Transportation Department from the school principal and/or designee, as per the contacts above.
