

## Frequently Asked Transportation Questions ...

### *What policies and procedures govern the operation of the Muhlenberg School District Transportation System?*

- The Pennsylvania Department of Education defines the parameters under which school districts must operate their transportation systems. The bus contract between the school district and the contractor defines the responsibilities of fulfilling the daily transportation duties within the school district. District Policy 3.5 describes discipline and punishment. This policy is communicated to every student and parent via the student handbook each year.

### *Who is authorized bussing?*

- No student is bussed within the 1.5 mile (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade) or 2.0 mile (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) zoning unless that student is a special education student or resides in a hazardous road area as deemed by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. These areas are mapped out and approved by the Muhlenberg School Board; Exhibit #168, May 2, 1984 and again on October 1, 2003; Exhibit C.

### *Why does my child arrive home at a different time than that indicated in the transportation letter sent from the school district?*

- The Muhlenberg School District uses a computer program to schedule and assign times for bus runs. In performing these calculations, the program assumes that each bus is the first to arrive and leave once students board at the end of the day. Because of the random nature of buses arriving back on campus, it is not possible to precisely calculate arrival and departure times.

### *Why does the bus not pick my child up at the same time every morning?*

- Due to traffic patterns, construction and the time it takes children to load at each stop it is very difficult to give an exact time. We ask that you be at your assigned stop 10 minutes before to 10 minutes after the time given to you. As the year progresses students are added and removed which also changes pick up and drop off times also.

### *Can my child be assigned to two different stops for morning and afternoon?*

- No. The stop must be the same for morning and afternoon everyday.

### *Can I ride or get on the bus with my child?*

- No. District policy prohibits anyone except authorized student riders, the bus driver and school officials from entering the bus. The school bus no entry law also applies making it illegal to enter a school bus without authorization. The district places your child's safety above all else and will fully prosecute violators of the no entry law.

### *Special requests regarding transportation...*

- All special requests regarding transportation routes shall be presented in written form by the parent/guardian to the coordinator of Buildings, Grounds, Transportation five (5) days prior to the effective date of the request and will be informed as to the resolution of their request. Bus drivers are not permitted to accept requests.
- ***No transportation will be provided for friends accompanying pupils to and from school on buses, after school activities, or going to work.***