

# 2020-2021 NON- PUBLIC & CHARTER TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

## **Eligibility for Transportation**

North Allegheny School District is happy to provide transportation for any eligible student who is a legal resident of the district to and from charter schools, non-public, or parochial schools that are not operated for profit, are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and are located within 10 miles by nearest public highway from any border of the district.

In order to obtain transportation, all charter or non-public students must complete a Request for Transportation Under Act 372 Form, available on the North Allegheny Transportation website. This form must be submitted by July 1, 2020 for a student to be guaranteed transportation for the start of school.

While every effort will be made to accommodate later requests, registrations received after July 1, 2020 but before August 5, 2020 may not be fulfilled before September 11, 2020.

Requests for transportation or bus stop changes must be submitted in writing. Those submitted after September 11, 2020 or any time during the school year may take up to ten business days to become effective.

Students who are in grade K-5 who live one-half mile or less from school, and students in grade 6-12 who live one mile or less from school shall not be provided with transportation unless walking to school would require using hazardous walking route, as defined by PennDOT and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

# **Transportation Policy & Operations**

The District will make every effort to provide the most efficient transportation for students. In working towards this efficiency, students may be required to ride a vehicle that transports students to and from various schools, including North Allegheny Public Schools. *They may also be required to transfer from one vehicle to another.* 

Students must be visible and outside at their designated bus stop minimum of five minutes prior to their scheduled pickup time. Buses that arrive within the five minute window are not required to wait.

Only students registered with the Transportation Department and rostered to a vehicle may board. For the safety and security of each of our riders, we are unable to allow additional riders unless they are legal residents of the District, and have first registered with the transportation office.

Transportation is a privilege, not a right. Students who make unwise behavioral choices on a school bus or school vehicle may have their transportation privileges suspended for a period of time as determined by the non-public school, charter school or our district.

## **Transportation for Scheduled Early Dismissals**

If the school calendar for any non-public or charter school has early dismissal days, transportation will be provided at the regular dismissal time.

# **Transportation During Holidays**

Transportation *will not* be provided on the following days:

Thursday, November 26, 2020 (Thanksgiving) Wednesday, December 30, 2020 (Winter Break)

Friday, November 27, 2020 (Fall Break) Thursday, December 31, 2020 (Winter Break)

Thursday, December 24, 2020 (Winter Break) Friday, January 1, 2021 (New Year's Day)

Friday, December 25, 2020 (Winter Break) Friday, April 2, 2021 (Spring Break)

Monday, December 28, 2020 (Winter Break) Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 (Winter Break)

# **Transportation During Inclement Weather**

If the North Allegheny School District closes due to inclement weather, all transportation operations will also be closed.

If North Allegheny School District operates on a delayed opening, and your non-public or charter school opens on time, all transportation will be delayed.

If North Allegheny School District opens on time, but your non-public or charter school operates on a delay, transportation will be provided at the regular scheduled time.

If North Allegheny School District chooses to dismiss early, all non-public or charter transportation will also operate on an earlier schedule.

If North Allegheny School District choose to keep students in school all day, but your non-public or charter school dismisses early, transportation will be provided at the regular scheduled time.

### **Student Absences or Vacations**

When possible, please notify the Transportation Office if your child will not be using transportation for a specific day or segment (AM or PM). This allows is to streamline our transportation operation, and will allow the driver to leave the area of your bus stop without concern that we are missing your child.

These notifications can be made 24 hours a day by phone at 412-369-5500 or emailed to privatenatransportation@northallegheny.org.

### **Lost/Left-Behind Items**

If your student has lost an item, or has left something on one of our vehicles, we maintain a lost and found at our Transportation Office, located at 400 Hillvue Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. You are welcome to check the lost and found Monday through Friday 7:00am to 4:00pm.

# **Additional Questions**

For any questions regarding transportation, please contact us by phone at 412-369-5500 or emailed at privatenatransportation@northallegheny.org.