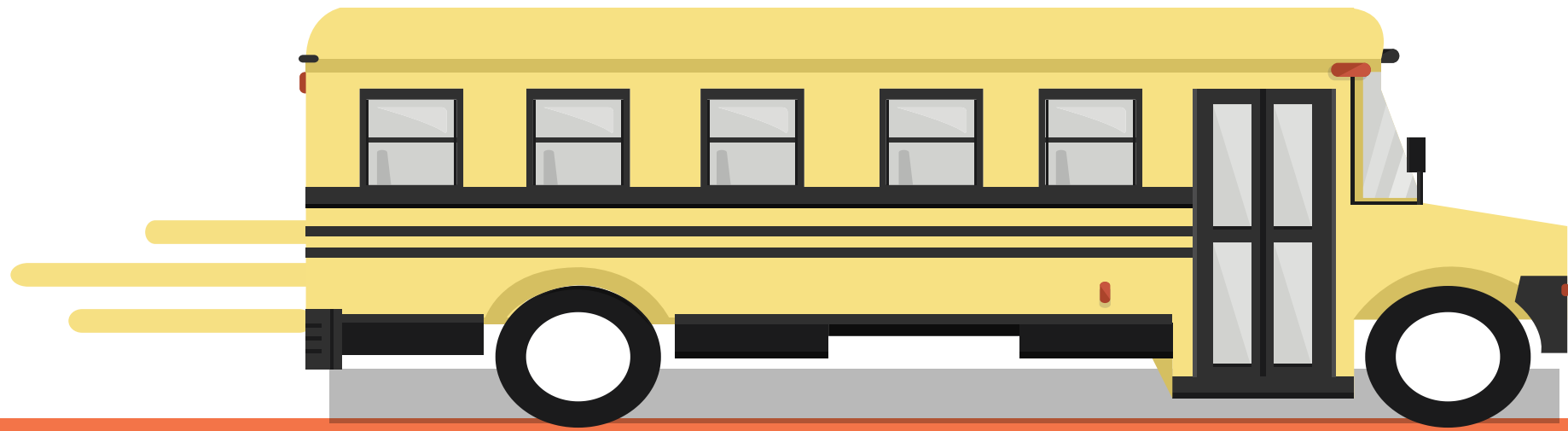


School Transportation

2020 Allegheny County Update



Which Students are School Districts Responsible for Transporting?

When a district chooses not to provide transportation to traditional public school students

Must provide transportation services to charter school students

When a district chooses to provide transportation to traditional public school students

Must provide mirrored services to non-public/private & charter school students



10 Mile Rule:

Traditional public school districts must transport students attending charter schools and non-public/private schools located within 10 miles of a districts furthest boundary

There are 380 different locations students can be transported to.

43
School
Districts

248
Traditional
Public
School
Buildings

28
Brick and
Mortar
Charter
Schools

107
Non-
public/Private
Schools



In the 2017-18 SY districts transported approximately 90,000 students.

Transportation
cost districts
\$157
million

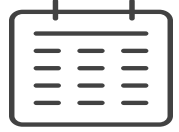
Less than half of school transportation expenses are reimbursed by the PA Department of Education.

an average of
40%
of expenses
are reimbursed

Challenges



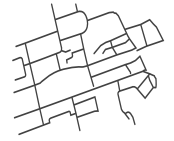
School Bus Driver Shortage



Different School Calendars



Variable Start Times



Complicated Routes



State and Federal Policy Mandates

Possible Solutions



Public Transit



Sharing Transportation Services



Centralized Drop-off Points



Regional Transportation Coordinating System

Enrollment and Providers

Student Enrollment

Traditional public school enrollment has remained stagnant since 2016-17 while charter school enrollment has increased by over 1,000 students and non-public enrollment has decreased slightly.

Student Transportation Contractors

There are over 25 different transportation contractors working with school districts.

8 of the 25 contractors provide nearly 90% of yellow bus transportation.

Utilizing Port Authority Transportation

15 school districts utilize PAT in some capacity. Districts are reimbursed at 100% of the reimbursement rate for passes.

PAT passes can be used for after-school programs, sports, jobs, and more. Additionally, PAT passes give students multiple opportunities to get to school whereas the yellow school bus only comes one time.

How Districts Overcome Challenges with the Yellow Bus



Districts compensate individuals/family members



Districts contract with other districts for transportation



Districts utilize fee for service providers such as PAT, yellow cab, or z-trip

To read our transportation report, visit www.alliesforchildren.org/resources

Sources include PA State Code & Pennsylvania Department of Education