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## 2025-2026 Non-Public & Charter Transportation Information

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### **Eligibility for Transportation**

Hopewell Area 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 operate for profit, are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education,m 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 Hopewell Area School District website. This form must be submitted by July 1, 2025, for a student to be guaranteed transportation for the start of school.

While every effort will be made to accommodate later requests, registration received after July 1, 2025, but before August 1, 2025, may not be fulfilled before September 1, 2025.

Requests for transportation or bus stop changes must be submitted in writing. Those submitted after September 1, 2025, 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 a hazardous walking route, as defined by PennDot and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **Transportation Policy & Operations**

Hopewell Area shall 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 Hopewell Area School Districts. They may also be required to transfer from one vehicle to another.

Students must be visible and outside at their designated bus stop a 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 Hopewell Area School District and have first registered with the Transportation Department.

**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 time period determined by the non-public school, charter school or our district.

**Transportation During Holidays**

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

Monday, September 1, 2025 ( Labor Day)	Wednesday, December 31, 2025 (Winter Break)
Tuesday, November 11,2025 (Veterans Day)	Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Winter Break)
Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving)	Friday, January 2, 2026 (Winter Break)
Friday, November 28, 2025 (Fall Break)	Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Winter Break)
Monday, December 1, 2025 (Fall Break)	Friday, January 2, 2026 (Winter Break)
Monday, December 22, 2025 (Winter Break)	Monday, February 16, 2026 (President's Day)
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 (Winter Break)	Friday, March 20, 2026 (Snow day if needed)
Wednesday December 24, 2025 (Winter Break)	Thursday, April 2, 2026 (Spring Break)
Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Winter Break)	Friday, April 3, 2026 (Spring Break)
Friday, December 26, 2025 (Winter Break)	Monday, April 6, 2026 (Spring Break)
Monday, December 29, 2025 (Winter Break)	Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (Snow day if needed)
Tuesday, December 30, 2025 (Winter Break)	Monday, May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day)

**Transportation During Inclement Weather**

If Hopewell Area School District closes due to inclement weather, there will be no transportation.

If Hopewell Area School District operates on a delayed opening, and your non-public or charter school operates on a delay, transportation will be provided at the delayed time.

If Hopewell Area School District operates on time, but your non-public or charter school operates on a delay, transportation will be provided at the regular schedule time.

If Hopewell Area School District operates on a delayed opening, and your non-public or charter school operates on time, transportation will be provided on the Hopewell Area School District delayed time.

**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 2025 Maratta Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001. You are welcome to check the lost and found Monday through Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

**Additional Questions**

For any questions regarding transportation, please email us at [platkoc@hopewellarea.org](mailto:platkoc@hopewellarea.org) or [klettek@hopewellarea.org](mailto:klettek@hopewellarea.org).



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## Request for Transportation Under Act 372

Please complete and return this form to the Hopewell Area Transportation Department to ensure we have correct information for your student. **If you have multiple students at the same school please fill out a separate form for each student.** All forms must be completed and returned to Hopewell Area Transportation by July 1, 2025 in order to ensure transportation for your student for the 2025-2026 school year.

Forms may be emailed to [KletteK@hopewellarea.org](mailto:KletteK@hopewellarea.org)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Non-Public or Charter School: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Guardian Information:**

Primary Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Transportation Requested:**

AM & PM Transportation for the 2025-2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AM ONLY Transportation for the 2025-2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

PM ONLY Transportation for the 2025-2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Declined Transportation for the 2025-2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation Use Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

AM BUS: \_\_\_\_\_ AM Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

PM BUS: \_\_\_\_\_ PM Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Non-Public Alternate Transportation Request

Please complete and return this form to the Hopewell Transportation Department if your student need **transportation when Hopewell Area School District is NOT in session.** New routes will be constructed based on the responses from these forms as well as a **required phone call or email within 48 hours of the date transportation is needed to the Hopewell Area Transportation Department.** The Transportation Department will reach out **via EMAIL** for the day(s) Hopewell Area School District is NOT in session.

Forms may be emailed to: [klettek@hopewellarea.org](mailto:klettek@hopewellarea.org)

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Students School: \_\_\_\_\_ Students Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Transportation Requested

AM & PM Transportation for the 2025/2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AM ONLY Transportation for the 2025/2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

PM ONLY Transportation for the 2025/2026 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ALLOW 5-7 BUSINESS DAYS FOR PROCESSING**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Request