



PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: All Parents/Guardians
FROM: PSD Transportation Service
SUBJECT: Alternate Bus Assignments Restricted by Purpose and Seat Availability
DATE: May 2020

The Pennridge Transportation Department's #1 priority is to provide students with safe transportation services. All Pennridge students that are eligible for transportation to and from their schools have been ***assigned to particular school buses***. All bus runs have been established with current eligible student data. This enables our department to assign students to school buses within the buses' legal capacity limits. Some bus runs, due to the number of students located in the neighborhood can be filled to the maximum safe capacity and there is no room for added students. This department notifies the school when a bus is filled to capacity and student bus passes cannot be issued for that particular bus.

All students are expected to ride the buses to which they have been assigned with limited exceptions. Written parental requests for occasional, short-term bus exceptions are to be directed to the principal, who in turn will evaluate the requests and, if approved, issue day passes. Parents who desire a long-term exception to bus assignments for the specific purposes of child care or after school employment within a student's attendance area shall complete an Alternate Transportation Request Form (copy enclosed). This form can also be downloaded from the Pennridge School District Transportation website.

The approval of short or long-term alternate bus passes is subject to space availability to protect the safety and welfare of the students.

Bus passes will be issued ONLY in certain specific circumstances or emergency situations.

Bus passes are not for play dates, scouts, non-routine student employment or any other activity.

New bus stops may be created for Alternate requests but we will not re-route or move an established bus stop to accommodate this request. When considering your alternate request, the District must deem it a SAFE stop before we consider your request

This type of transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. All Alternate Transportation requests must be submitted **every year**.

The Pennridge Transportation Department takes pride in the professional manner in which it provides safe transportation for all eligible students who reside in the district. Our service limitations are designed to protect our students and ensure that we are taking all steps possible to do so.

Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.