



HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

2015-2016

LANDISVILLE, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Q: To how many facilities does Hempfield transport students?

A: Currently, we transport students to 79 different facilities, which includes:

- 11 Hempfield School District buildings
- 42 outside of District Special Education buildings
- 26 Non-Public schools

Q: How many students does Hempfield transport on a given day?

A: 7,337 students

Q: How many and what size vehicles does Hempfield use to transport its students?

A: 89 total vehicles, which includes:

- 54 buses that will hold up to 77 passengers
- 27 mini buses that will hold up to 24 passengers
- 8 wheelchair mini buses that will hold up to 3 wheelchairs plus 8 students
- 6 minivans that will hold up to 7 passengers

Q: How many miles per day do these vehicles travel?

A: 6,527 miles

Q: How were propane buses selected?

A: During contract renewal process for bus service in summer 2014, Hempfield selected a proposal to utilize a propane-powered bus fleet, the first district in Central Pennsylvania to shift to propane.

Q: What are the advantages to propane?

A: The move to propane provides the district with both fiscal and environmental advantages. Propane currently costs half as much as diesel, which could save the district \$1.95 million over five years. Propane buses are also less expensive to maintain than their diesel counterparts. Propane buses improve the transportation experience for students as they are 50% quieter than traditional buses and cut smog-producing hydrocarbon emissions by 80%.

Q: Are propane buses safe?

A: Propane school buses have been used for more than 30 years in some school districts across the United States, building a track record of safe operation. Propane fueling involves rigorous safety mechanisms, and propane fuel tanks are 20 times more puncture-resistant than gasoline tanks.

Q: How do propane buses perform during the winter?

A: Propane buses offer more reliable cold-weather starting and require less idling time, which saves fuel and further reduces emissions.

Q: Who does Hempfield School District partner with for transportation?

A: Student Transportation of America (STA), a nationwide provider of school bus services, owns and operates the district's fleet. Rhoads Energy, a Lancaster energy company, delivers and manages the district's propane supply.



Transfer Requests

Please note transfer requests take 48 hours to be processed once received by the transportation office.

School Bus Safety Rules

Student safety is our first priority. Please ensure your student knows and honors the Hempfield Bus Safety Rules. Please report all student behavior and bullying concerns to your student's Principal for correction. Please report all bus driver related concerns to the Hempfield Transportation Department.



1. The use of bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. If student conduct jeopardizes the safety of others, or is otherwise undesirable, this privilege may be denied.
2. All school rules apply while on the bus. Bus Conduct Reports are used to communicate inappropriate behavior to a student's school principal.
3. Video and audio cameras are in use on every bus.
4. Students may only use the school bus and designated stop assigned by the Transportation Department.
5. Students should arrive at their designated bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
6. Students will be responsible for their behavior while at the bus stop. Please respect the property rights and privacy of others who live at or near the bus stop. For your safety, do not play in the road.
7. Students are to enter the bus one at a time and go directly to their assigned seat without delay, crowding or pushing. Students are to remain seated for the entirety of their ride.
8. The bus driver and/or school principal may adjust assigned seats at any time.
9. Students are to sit facing forward, keeping the aisle clear at all times. Back packs, lunch boxes, musical instruments, sports equipment, or any other items must be held on the student's lap or be secured in an empty seat. If this cannot be accomplished, the item is not permitted on the bus.
10. Students that live on the opposite side of the roadway from where the bus picks up or drops off should cross 10 feet in front of the bus once the bus has come to a complete stop and has activated its signals. Students who are exiting should cross the road immediately while the bus has stopped traffic. Always look left, right, and left again prior to crossing the road.
11. Students of all ages are permitted to exit the bus at their designated stop without a parent or guardian present.
12. Keep head, hands, and feet inside of the bus. Do not throw anything out of the window.
13. No eating or drinking at any time on the bus.
14. Help keep the bus clean. No littering, please.
15. No loud conversations, unnecessary noise, or inappropriate and disrespectful language (profanity) or gestures are permitted. Please use a quiet, conversational tone of voice.
16. Keep your hands to yourself. No hitting, pushing, spitting, biting, tripping, rough behavior, bullying, throwing items, or affectionate displays of emotion are permitted at any time.
17. Report graffiti, broken, and/or vandalized items to the bus driver as soon as possible. Damaging the bus will result in the student being charged for its repair. No tampering or touching of bus equipment is permitted. Never sit in the driver's seat.
18. Interaction with vehicles behind or beside the bus is not permitted (gesturing, etc.).
19. Use of electronic devices is a privilege. Concerns linked to student use of electronic devices may result in the loss of such privileges for any student. Filming videos and taking pictures is not permitted on the bus.
20. Any item that may distract the driver's attention from the road is not permitted on the bus.

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