



Phoenixville Area School District
Manavon Elementary School & Phoenixville Area Early Learning Center
Bussing/Walking Zone
Parent Q&A

1. How are walking zones for public schools in PA determined?

- Chapter 447 of the Pennsylvania school code provides specific definitions regarding the establishment of school walking zones. The above guidelines are governed under the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).
 - High School & Middle School- 2 miles
 - Kindergarten and Elementary school – 1 ½ miles
- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) determines hazardous roads.
- The administration then uses the above information to make recommendations to the board of directors.

2. What is the maximum distance for my child to walk?

- PASD policy 810 states: Transportation will be furnished for elementary students living more than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from their assigned school and for secondary students living more than two (2) miles from their school.

Current (2016-17) maximum walking distances are as follows:

- High School & Middle School- 1.127 miles
- Barkley Elementary School- .58 miles
- East Pikeland Elementary School- No walking permitted per PennDot hazardous walking zone.

- Kindergarten Center- .58 Miles
- Schuylkill Elementary School- .41 miles

2017-18 Proposed maximum distances:

- High School & Middle School- 1.127 miles (No Change)
- Barkley Elementary School- .58 miles (No Change)
- Manavon Elementary School- .746 miles.
- Early Learning Center (K-1)- .746 miles
- Schuylkill Elementary School- .41 miles (No Change)

Attendance zones map link: <http://www.pasd.com/>

3. Why are the distances different for the elementary schools?

PennDot recommendations (see question 1) determine differentiation in the elementary school distances.

4. Who determines if a road is considered hazardous?

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot)

5. Is my older child allowed to walk my younger child to school?

The decision to allow an older sibling to escort a younger sibling to school is a parental decision.

6. Will there be crossing guards on certain intersections?

Yes, as determined by the local law enforcement and the school district. This is reviewed and revised as needed annually.

7. Who meets my child when they arrive at school?

- If you have contracted for before care they will be greeted by the child care staff.
- If not registered for before care, your child should arrive at school on time and will be supervised by PASD staff.

8. Are their published maps that I can see the walking bussing zones?

School walking zone maps: <http://www.pasd.com/>

9. Will there be any exceptions to the walking/bussing zones?
Special circumstances may include:

- Special Education
- Temporary medical condition
- ADA requirements

10. If I live within the walking zone, may my child be part of a carpool or may I drive my child to school?

Yes. The parent drop-off entrance is off of Pothouse Road at Phantom Way.