

Pupil transportation is an important part of the school program. Maintaining order on school buses requires the cooperation of pupils, parents, teachers, principals and bus drivers. While we value parent/guardian feedback, we ask that parents provide feedback through appropriate channels.

Specifically, we must ask that parents do not attempt to board any school bus, as unauthorized school bus entry is against Pennsylvania State Law. The law defines this offense as:

“a person who enters a school bus without prior authorization of the driver or a school official with intent to commit a crime or disrupt or interfere with the driver, or a person who enters a school bus without prior authorization of the driver or a school official who refuses to disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver.” (**§ 5517. 1998 Amendment.** Act 65 added Section 5517.)

In order to make this law as clear as possible, notices will be placed on each of our school buses that warn against unauthorized entry. The notices will be placed on the steps of each school bus, and will read as follows:

“UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY ILLEGAL. Any person who attempts to enter a school bus without prior authorization of the driver or a school official and refuses to disembark will be subject to fines of up to \$2,500 and possible imprisonment.”

The Cheltenham School District, its transportation department and Cheltenham Transportation, LLC appreciate any and all feedback regarding pupil transportation, and will work together to address your concerns as quickly as possible.