

Lehigh Area School District
1000 Union Street
Lehigh, PA 18235

CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS
2026/27 and 2027/28 SCHOOL YEARS

This AGREEMENT entered into this 9TH day of June 2026, by and between the Board of School Directors of the LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, herein referred to as the "School District" and **GEORGE'S TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC.**, of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor".

1. Contractor, for and in consideration of the payments made to it by the School District as hereinafter set forth, hereby agrees to transport students attending classes at various school buildings located in the Lehigh Area School District, on such days as school is in session, to and from such points along and over such routes and at the times set forth in the schedule adopted for such purposes, which schedule is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. The School District agrees, in consideration of the services rendered by the Contractor under this Agreement, to pay Contractor as set forth. The base amount in School year 2026/27 for regular student transportation services shall be set at **\$357.39** per bus, per day for a double run. A single run rate will be set at **\$283.30** per bus, per day. The base amount in School year 2027/28 for regular student transportation services shall be set at **\$368.11** per bus, per day for a double run. A single run rate will increase to **\$291.80** per bus, per day. **Currently this is for 17 school buses.**
3. The base amount for IU pm transportation shuttles previously charged at \$28.00 will now be **\$30.00** per bus or van for the 2026/27 School year and **\$32.00** for the 2027/28 School year.
4. 2026/27 Van rate will be set at **\$343.58** per run, per day, for a double run. 2027/28 Van rate will be set at **\$353.89** per run, per day. A single run van rate will be **\$269.09** per run, per day for the 2026/27 School year and **\$277.16** per run, per day for the 2027/28 School year

Mid-Day runs (Bus or Van) 2026/27 - 1.0 -7.4 miles \$31.00 per vehicle/per day. 7.5 miles and up will be \$5.00 per mile/per vehicle/per day.

2027/28 – 1.0 – 7.4 miles \$32.00 per vehicle/per day. 7.5 miles and up will be \$5.00 per mile, per vehicle, per day.

5. If the price of diesel fuel falls below \$3.709 per gallon, the Contractor shall credit the School District the difference in cost by multiplying the numbers of gallons used times the amount below \$3.709. The fuel de-escalation credit shall apply for all transports including special and/or sports events. In addition, the fuel de-escalation shall be set at \$3.809. If the price of diesel fuel is above \$3.809 per gallon, then the Contractor will charge the School District the difference between the actual cost and \$3.809 per gallon times the number of gallons used. Fuel de-escalation for gasoline vehicles will remain at \$2.809. (Currently, we only have 1 vehicle that is gasoline)
6. Contractor agrees to have at least one (1) vehicle available to carry equipment for activities if requested.
7. Contractor shall comply with all Federal and State school bus driver licensing laws and regulations in effect.
8. NO Bus over (17) seventeen years old may regularly be used to transport students.
9. Contractor is responsible to provide competent drivers who shall be thoroughly reliable and of good moral character. Drivers shall possess a currently valid certificate issued by an examining physician as required by the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the Pennsylvania State Police. Drivers shall not be less than 18 years of age. Drivers shall refrain from the use of profane and indecent language, shall abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances or any medication that may affect the ability to safely drive. Drivers shall not smoke on the bus or areas where the children are loading or unloading. Drivers shall be licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to operate all vehicles provided by Contractor. The drivers or Contractor, prior to operating a vehicle under this AGREEMENT, shall register his/her name, address, license number and ACT 34 Criminal Background Check and an Act 151 Pennsylvania Child

Abuse History Clearance with the School District. Prior to operating a vehicle under this agreement, the drivers or contractor shall provide the School District with a copy of their Federal Criminal History Record that cannot be more than one (1) year old. This only applies to drivers hired on or AFTER April 1, 2007. Drivers hired prior to April 1, 2007, are required to provide the Federal Criminal History Record if they have lived outside of the state for at least two (2) years immediately preceding their application for employment.

10. If the School District in its sole and absolute discretion is not satisfied with the services performed by a driver, Contractor shall remove the driver from the run and place another driver on the run. If the driver does not pose a serious threat to the safety and welfare of the students, Contractor will be given up to two (2) weeks to make this change. If the driver does pose a serious threat to the students, removal shall be immediate. The Superintendent of the Lehigh Area School District shall determine if the driver poses a serious threat to the students. The removal of a driver shall be done solely at Contractor's expense.
11. Contractor will be responsible that all vehicles provided for pupil transportation shall meet all requirements of law.
12. Contractor shall develop and implement routing that is most economical to the School District for reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Board of School Directors at a regularly scheduled School Board Meeting, shall approve these routes.
13. Each bus shall contain a roster and seating chart of the students riding on each particular run. Seats must be assigned on each bus and copies must be forwarded to the school district business office no later than October 15th of the school year. Subsequent changes to any bus roster or seating chart shall be reported by Contractor to the appropriate building level principal within one (1) week of the change.
14. Pupils shall be taken on and discharged from the bus only at designated stops and at the extreme right of the road. No pupils shall be permitted to get on or off the bus while it is in motion. No school bus operator shall start his/her bus or signal the driver of any vehicle, who has stopped in

compliance with the provisions of Section 3345 of the Motor Vehicle Code, to proceed until each child has reached a place of safety.

15. The bus shall not be loaded beyond the maximum capacity permitted by law or recommended by the school bus manufacturer, whichever is less. Adequate seating shall be provided for each student.
16. The speed of a vehicle shall, at all times, be consistent with the safety of the passengers and shall, at no time exceed the legal speed limit.
17. Contractor shall, at his own expense, keep all school buses in good repair and condition, properly serviced and repaired, all school buses shall pass all State regulations and inspections.
18. All mechanics providing maintenance for said school buses shall be properly qualified.
19. Contractor shall provide vehicles equipped with a two-way radio suitable for communication purposes. All two-way radios shall be maintained. The cost of new/replacement radios shall be at the expense of the Contractor.
20. The School District agrees to cooperate with the Contractor to determine the individuals who might be responsible for any willful damage to any school bus, and if such offenders are students of the School District, to take action as allowed by school law. Further, bus drivers shall enforce District Bus Conduct Policy and cooperate in the enforcement thereof. Also, at least once per year, Contractor agrees to provide an in-service for his drivers on the school bus conduct policy.
21. The School District agrees to pay Contractor on or about the 1st of each month beginning in September of each year. The District will pay the Contractor \$100,000.00 in August for start-up fees. On each monthly bill, for 10 months the Contractor will deduct \$10,000.00 until the \$100,000.00 is recovered by the district. **Liquid Fuels:** The Contractor shall furnish monthly invoices for the service as follows: (1) verified invoices listing gallons of gasoline/diesel fuel consumed in vehicles providing pupil transportation with additional evidence that the State Tax was paid as per Liquid Fuels and Fuel Tax Act and (2) an invoice which includes all costs for

providing pupil transportation service. The total of these invoices shall equal the agreed contractual rate providing pupil transportation.

22. Contractor, prior to the effective date of this AGREEMENT, and throughout said AGREEMENT, shall insure jointly the liability of itself and that of the School District for damage to property or injury to persons. Such insurance shall be in the amount of Five Million (5,000,000.00), and shall be secured from an insurance company authorized to transact the business of insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
23. Both parties hereto recognize that Contractor, while engaged in carrying out and complying with any of the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT, is an independent contractor, and not an officer, agent, servant, or employee of the Lehigh Area School District.
24. Contractor while in the performance of duties under this AGREEMENT, shall comply with and observe all the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle statutes and all other applicable laws.
25. Contractor shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and by the Board of School Directors relating to the safe transportation of students.
26. Schedule "B" to contract attached entitles "Field and Athletic Trip Rates is incorporated herein. Said fees shall be subject to the increase as set forth under paragraph 2 for regular transportation.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto execute this AGREEMENT at
Lehigh, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

LEHIGH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Secretary

BY: _____

President

ATTEST:

GEORGE'S TRANSPORTATION CO., INC.

Secretary

BY: _____

President