



Driving FORCE

Getting to and from school can vary greatly for students in the region

This is the first in a six-part series.

GEOGRAPHY

The map at right showcases the large discrepancy in the sizes of the public school districts in The Tribune-Democrat's coverage area

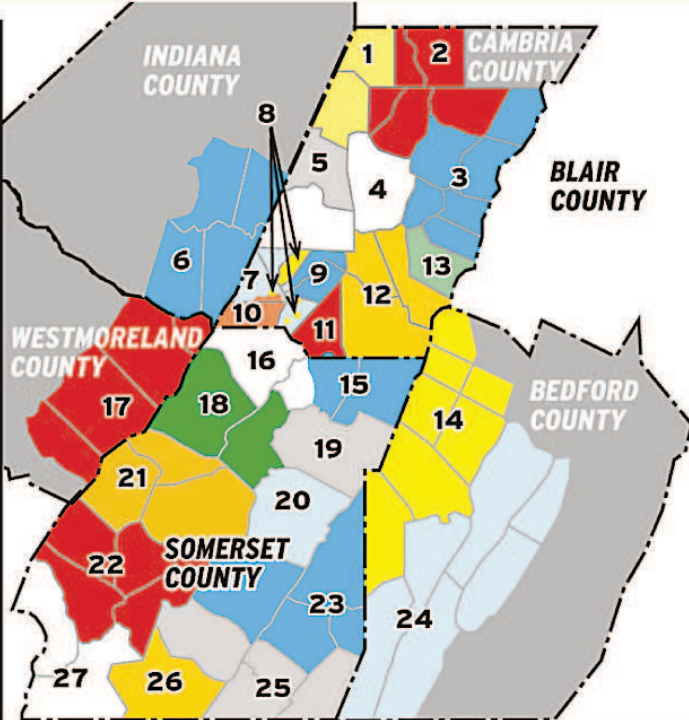
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42 MINUTES

Longest estimated commute time for students in Greater Johnstown School District



1. Northern Cambria
2. Cambria Heights
3. Penn Cambria
4. Central Cambria
5. Blacklick Valley
6. United
7. Greater Johnstown
8. Ferndale Area
9. Conemaugh Valley
10. Westmont Hilltop
11. Richland
12. Forest Hills
13. Portage Area
14. Chestnut Ridge
15. Windber Area
16. Conemaugh Township
17. Ligonier Valley
18. North Star
19. Shade-Central City
20. Shanksville-Stonycreek
21. Somerset Area
22. Rockwood Area
23. Berlin Brothersvalley
24. Bedford Area
25. Meyersdale Area
26. Salisbury-Elk Lick
27. Turkeyfoot Valley



Near

Ferndale Area is the smallest school district in The Tribune-Democrat's coverage area at 6 square miles ...

& Far

... while Bedford Area is the largest district geographically at nearly 292 square miles

Rules of the road

School bus tips from the National Safety Council

Getting on and off the bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door has opened before approaching the bus
- If you have to cross in front of the bus, first walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver
- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times

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Behavior on the bus

- Don't speak loudly or distract the driver
- Stay in your seat
- Don't put your head, arms or hands out the window
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags
- Get your belongings together before reaching your stop
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up



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