

Transportation Reimbursement

General Overview:

A complicated Minnesota State Law guarantees equal school bus transportation to all students – public and private – or financial aid as a substitute. The average amount of this state aid for BSM families is approximately \$200 per student or family depending upon the Public School District of home residence.

Since your student does not attend a Public School District school and therefore, does NOT use the public school district transportation – you may need to complete an application for these funds. Since each public school district has different requirements – the application will be part of Red Knight Roundup either online or in hard copy depending on the Public School District policies.

The entire process takes one full school year to complete – in the fall parents complete applications and BSM reports which students are in attendance to the appropriate school district. In the spring or at the end of the school year, BSM reports, as required, the days of attendance for those students. During the summer months, the Public School Districts send out their checks either directly to the families or to BSM.

BSM's policy for the State Transportation Aid (Transportation Reimbursement) monies, after receipt from the participating public school districts, is to credit it against the individual student's tuition account. BSM generally has receipt of all public school district checks by late September of the next school year. It is at this stage – that either the monies are applied to tuition accounts or noted as donations to BSM.

Currently there are three (3) school districts who do not participate in the process – St. Louis Park – as they provide busing to district students and the school districts of Minneapolis & St. Paul – they have “comparable” schools.