



Orange Unified School District



District Advisory Council Transportation Grant - Community Input

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9:30 am

Presenters:

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HISTORY OF HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- CASTO and the School Transportation Coalition (CASTO's lobbyist) have worked hard to protect and to increase pupil transportation funding.
- 2007 - The State Auditor's report identified the poor funding for school transportation.
- 2014 - The Legislative Analyst's Office conducted a study and report. Their recommendation was for 50% funding.
- 2013-14 and 2014-15 - The State Legislature worked and attempted to increase school transportation funding.
- 2015 - The State Legislature universally supported legislation to reinstate transportation data collection, but Governor Brown vetoed.
- The original SB 878, which had CSEA and the education coalition's support, never passed in any form.



HISTORIC TURN OF EVENTS

- In June, 2022, the Governor & State Legislature voted to pass AB 181, the education omnibus budget trailer bill, and AB 182, a bill related to the Learning Recovery Emergency Fund.
- The final budget provides \$637 million ongoing for Proposition 98 General Fund specifically tagged for Home-to-School Transportation.
- Specifically, the enhanced funding will be an increase to the LEA's LCFF as an add-on so that Local Education Agencies (LEA's) can be funded at up to 60% of their transportation costs, or their current add-on, plus ongoing COLA.
- Districts are required to create a plan for how services will be applied.



HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Per California Education Code Section 39800.1

- ✓ Plan must describe services that will be offered.
- ✓ Districts are required to create a plan for how home-to-school services will be applied that prioritizes low income and students in grades TK-6.
- ✓ Plan must report specific data on the impact of home-to-school services.
- ✓ Plan must describe how transportation will be accessible to disabled and homeless students.
- ✓ Plan must describe how unduplicated students may access free transportation.
- ✓ Plan must be developed in consultation with specific stakeholders.
- ✓ OUSD may partner with local municipally owned transit systems to transport middle and high school students.
- ✓ Plan must be adopted by the Board of Education on or before April 1, 2023 and updated by April 1st every year, thereafter.

OUSD PUPIL TRANSPORTATION BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (3541)

➤ Scope of Pupil Transportation Services Offered

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their “school of attendance” and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students: one (1) mile.
2. For middle school students: two and one half (2 ½) miles.
3. For high school students: three (3) miles.

For the 2022-23 school year, Transitional Kindergarten students will be eligible for transportation services to and from school following the elementary school students one (1) mile distance. The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan.



IMPACT TO DISTRICT FUNDING

Budgeted 22-23 Expenditures: \$12.61 million

Revenue: \$ 2.20 million

Deficit: \$10.41 million

AB 181 Funding: \$ 3.89 million



HOW DOES GRANT FUNDING BENEFIT OUSD?

Possible uses may include:

1. Replace older buses
2. Increase staffing and drivers' work hours
3. Vehicle maintenance
4. Garage equipment and supplies
5. Cover additional fuel costs:
Gasoline/Diesel/CNG/Electricity
6. Minimize use of classroom funding for transportation services



TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

COMMITTEE/GROUP: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

PRIORITIES:

1. _____

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5. _____

OTHER COMMENTS:

Thank you!