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# Folsom Cordova Unified School District

## Home-to-School Transportation Service Plan

Budget Advisory Committee – February 22, 2023  
FCUSD Board Meeting – March 9, 2023



# Home-to-School Transportation Plan & Reimbursement Funding

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- Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by Assembly Bill (AB) 181 and amended by AB 185. It provides reimbursement funding for school districts based on the prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) transportation related add-on funding.
- Funding will be based upon 60 percent of the HTS transportation expenditures reported by the school district, for the prior year, excluding capital outlay and nonagency expenditures; minus the transportation funding received from the LCFF Add-on.
  - At 1<sup>st</sup> interim budget FCUSD is projected to receive \$2.4 million
- To receive the funding the District shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by the school board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter. The plan shall include the following components:
  - (1) A description of the local educational agency's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.)
  - (2) A description of how unduplicated pupils, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils



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- The District has revised Administrative Regulation (AR) 3541: Transportation Routes And Services, to include all required components of the HTS Transportation Plan for Board approval.
  - The Board will approve AR 3541 annually along with this presentation to be in compliance with AB 181 and AB 185
- Prior to the requirements of the HTS Transportation Plan and the reimbursement funding the District has been prioritizing transportation services for TK-6 students.
  - Offering shorter HTS distances and correspondingly more routes for those grade levels
  - Annual on-going contribution from the Unrestricted General Fund of approximately \$4 million
- And prioritizing low-income pupils as required in the HTS Transportation Plan.
  - Offering free transportation services and subsidizing costs and routes for those students
  - District Supplemental budget contribution annually in the amount of \$1.4 million
- This plan will be reviewed annually with the District Budget Advisory Committee and shared with other stakeholders for input, including and not limited to classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts, and air quality management districts, parents, and pupils.
- The reimbursement funding will help offset the contribution from the Unrestricted General Fund and Supplemental funds starting in 2022-2023.



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**Regulation 3541: Transportation Routes And Services**

**Status: ADOPTED**

**Original Adopted Date:** 11/04/2010 | **Last Revised Date:** 07/30/2018

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.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

Cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:

**PreK and Ggrades** K-3: three-fourths mile

Grades 4-8: one and one-half miles

2. For students attending a three-year middle school:

Grades 6-8: three miles

3. For students attending a four-year high school:

Grades 9-12: four miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

Routes will only be established when there is a minimum of five students.

**The transportation fee shall be waived for students with demonstrated financial need in accordance with Education Code 39807.5. Eligibility for free transportation based on financial need shall be determined in accordance with the income eligibility scales used for the free and reduced-price lunch program. (subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02)**

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops. He/she may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 -- Media Relations)

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 -- Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. Pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).

~~School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)~~

4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)

5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupation Center/Program)

7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)

8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

9. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)

10. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)

101. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)

b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

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

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

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. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

(cf. 6173.1 Education of Foster Youth)

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 15240-15244	Allowances for student transportation; definitions
Ed. Code 10900.5	<a href="#">Use of school buses for community recreation</a>
Ed. Code 35330	Field trips and excursions; student fees
Ed. Code 35350	Authority to transport pupils
Ed. Code 39800	Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school
Ed. Code 39800-39809.5	Transportation; general provisions
Ed. Code 39801.5	Transportation for adults
Ed. Code 39808	Transportation for private school students
Ed. Code 39830-39843	School buses
Ed. Code 39835	Use of school buses for community recreation
Ed. Code 39837	Transportation to summer employment program

Ed. Code 39837.5	Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities
Ed. Code 39860	Transportation to school activities
Ed. Code 41850-41854	Allowances for transportation
Ed. Code 41860-41863	Supplementary allowances for transportation
Ed. Code 48853.5	Education of foster youth; immediate enrollment
<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
20 USC 1400-1482	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
20 USC 6312	Local educational agency plan
34 CFR 104.4	Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
34 CFR 300.17	Free appropriate public education
34 CFR 300.34	Related services
42 USC 11432	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
CSBA Publication	Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCFF, Governance Brief, April 2014
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation</a>
Website	<a href="#">Pupil Transportation Safety Institute</a>

## Cross References

Code	Description
1112	<a href="#">Media Relations</a>
3250	<a href="#">Transportation Fees</a>
3250	<a href="#">Transportation Fees</a>
3510	<a href="#">Green School Operations</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3540	<a href="#">Transportation</a>
3540	<a href="#">Transportation</a>
3541.1	<a href="#">Transportation For School-Related Trips</a>
3541.1-E PDF(1)	<a href="#">Transportation For School-Related Trips</a>
3541.2	<a href="#">Transportation For Students With Disabilities</a>



3542	<a href="#"><u>School Bus Drivers</u></a>
4141.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4141.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4231	<a href="#"><u>Staff Development</u></a>
4241.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4241.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
5116.1	<a href="#"><u>Intradistrict Open Enrollment</u></a>
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5117	<a href="#"><u>Interdistrict Attendance</u></a>
5117	<a href="#"><u>Interdistrict Attendance</u></a>
5148.3	<a href="#"><u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u></a>
5148.3	<a href="#"><u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u></a>
6154	<a href="#"><u>Homework/Makeup Work</u></a>
6159	<a href="#"><u>Individualized Education Program</u></a>
6159	<a href="#"><u>Individualized Education Program</u></a>
6164.6	<a href="#"><u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u></a>
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6173	<a href="#"><u>Education For Homeless Children</u></a>
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6173.1	<a href="#"><u>Education For Foster Youth</u></a>
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6178.2	<a href="#"><u>Regional Occupational Center/Program</u></a>
6200	<a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>
6200	<a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>