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# Folsom Cordova Unified School District

## Home-to-School Transportation Service Plan

Budget Advisory Committee – December 6, 2023  
FCUSD Board Meeting – January 18, 2024



# 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.
  - FCUSD is projected to receive \$2.8 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 updated by April 1 each year. 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
- 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.



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**Regulation 3541: Transportation Routes And Services**

**Status:** ADOPTED

**Original Adopted Date:** 11/04/2010 | **Last Revised Date:** 02/28/2023 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/28/2023

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 grades 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.

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. 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. 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)