

OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT **Home-To-School Transportation Plan**

Background

In 2013-14, with enactment of the Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF"), State funding for Home-to-School ("HTS") Transportation was established at a fixed amount, in perpetuity, based on the amount of funding each school district received in 2012-13 for both General Education and Special Education transportation. This was accomplished by providing an "add-on" ("Transportation Add-On") to the resulting LCFF funding. Effective 2022-23 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was included in the add-on calculation. The Transportation Add-On for Ocean View School District is estimated at \$945,000 for 2024-25, based on second interim reporting.

The 2024-25 estimated State Budget includes additional funding for HTS Transportation. The funding allows school districts to receive the greater of the current Transportation Add-On (\$945,000) or 60% of reported prior year transportation costs. Prior year (2023-24) transportation costs are estimated at \$3,042,000. Using the 60% calculation, the District projects funding of approximately \$1,825,000 for 2024-25.

Current Transportation Services 2023-24

The District currently owns 38 school buses: 16 large buses (60 or more passengers), 14 midsize buses (48 or less passengers), and 8 small buses (22 or less passengers). These vehicles travel a total of 75,000 miles per year, on average. The District currently operates 19 routes – 8 for General Education students and 11 for Special Education students serviced by 14 Ocean View School District bus drivers and 6 outside private charter company bus drivers. Finally, the District, on average, transports students on 160 field trips each year.

For 2023-24, the District is transporting 658 General Education students and 154 Special Education students. Transportation for middle school students who attend Marine, Mesa, and Spring View Middle Schools and reside in the Oak View community will conclude at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Additionally, the Measure R Modernization transportation program will also conclude at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Transportation will continue for middle school students who reside within the Oak View community boundary and attend Vista View Middle School.

Annually, transportation for Special Education students is provided for those receiving services at a school other than their school of residence, as specified in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). These students are transported to their designated schools within the Ocean View School District specific to their individual needs each year.

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For the 2024-25 school year:

Students receiving either General Education or Special Education transportation service, including Unduplicated Pupils -- defined as students who are low socioeconomic, English learners, or foster youth -- currently receive District transportation services at no charge. After meeting the Special Education transportation requirements, the Ocean View School District will prioritize the transportation of General Education students TK, K-6 grade students who qualify as “unduplicated” by doing the following:

- Students qualify by living within their school of attendance boundaries.
- Require submission of an application to receive General Education transportation service before or at the beginning of each school year to include home address, school of attendance, grade level and provide proof of household income level.
- Establish a safe walking area based on the knowledge of high-risk zones and distances.
- Establish bus stops at designated “centralized” locations using safety criteria established by the California Highway Patrol and consistent with the recognition of each school’s safe walking area.
- Determine the maximum capacity of routes and buses.
- Prioritize students who qualify as unduplicated to routes in the following order based on the following:
 - Bus and Driver availability
 - Students in grades TK, K and grades 1-6 inclusive
 - Students in grades 7-8
- Applications received after the start of the school year may experience a delay in services until routes can be determined.


Accessibility for Students with Disabilities and Homeless Youth

Students with disabilities will continue to be provided transportation services when specified in their IEP. Students designated as homeless are identified, monitored, and serviced by the Student Services Department. Student Services will work with families to ensure homeless students are transported to and from school. This can be accomplished by providing a free bus pass for the students to use the public bus system and/or by working with the Transportation Department to provide District transportation on existing bus routes.

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