



**Buena Park School District
Three-Year Transportation Plan
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028**

Board Approval Date: March 10, 2025

Overview

The Buena Park School District Governing Board is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation to students as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance, and reduce tardiness. Due to significant underfunding of transportation by the State, the extent to which the Buena Park School District (District) provides transportation services shall depend on student and community needs and a continuing assessment of financial resources.

The purpose of the Transportation Plan is to clearly articulate transportation services offered by the District and to comply with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2933.

Background

Prior to 1981, the State reimbursed school districts for home-to-school transportation on a sliding scale for costs up to ninety percent (90%) and covered one hundred percent (100%) of costs for transporting students with severe disabilities.

Unlike home-to-school transportation, which is not required by law, the transportation of students with special needs is mandated when required within the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Mostly in response to the passage of Proposition 13, in the 1981-82 school year transportation funding was frozen at prior year levels and only increased based on annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increases regardless of cost.

As the actual cost to provide home-to-school transportation increased over the next several years, many school districts began to scale back home-to-school transportation due to the drain on the General Fund and the corresponding negative impact on educational programs.

Due to advocacy efforts by several state-wide organizations representing school district Governing Boards and Administrators, for the first time in more than ten (10) years, the 2022-23 Final State Budget provided \$637 million in ongoing additional transportation funding. This provides the District with additional funding of approximately \$2.9 million per year. While this is certainly appreciated, with this allocation, transportation continues to be underfunded by approximately \$3.1 million annually.

As a condition of receiving this allocation, school districts are required to:

- develop a plan in consultation with various educational and community stakeholder groups for providing home-to-school transportation;
- report data related to the impact of the plan;
- present the plan in a public meeting for public comment;
- obtain formal adoption of the plan by the Governing Board annually by April 1, beginning April 1, 2023.

Transportation Services

The Buena Park School District supports 3685 students from preschool through eighth grade in the 2024-2025 school year. The District transports approximately 1005 students daily. The District is located in the City of Buena Park and contains a State preschool program, five TK-5 elementary schools, two middle schools (6-8), and the district office. Currently, the District's unduplicated count represents 84% of the student body.

The student body at the schools served by Buena Park School District is 4.6% White, 3.1% Black, 22.4% Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander, 65.5% Hispanic/Latino, 0.16% American Indian or Alaska Native, and 0.54% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. In addition, 2.7% of students are of two or more races, and 1% have not specified their race or ethnicity.

Also, 47.1% of students are female, and 52.9% of students are male. At schools in Buena Park School District, 81.2% of students are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meal program, and 27.7% of students are English language learners. The special education population represents 17% of the student body, and the homeless and Foster Youth are at 8.1% and .73%, respectively. The District transports 105 special education students on a daily basis.

In total, the Buena Park School District serves an unduplicated student count of 3309, which is 84% of the total student population.

The Buena Park School District's transportation service is 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.).

The Buena Park School District provides transportation to all special education students. The following are the District's policy on transporting students by grade level: Students in grades TK-5 who live more than .85 miles from their school of attendance and students in grades 6-8 who live more than 1.5 miles from their school of attendance. The Buena Park School District does not charge families for any Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation needs.

Consultations

As required by Education Code 39800.1, this plan is developed with input from classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other stakeholders. The District received notification from our local transit authority and the local air pollution control district that they would not be able to participate in this year's plan development.

The District partners for the 2023-24 school year are as follows:

Chief Operating Officer
Corey Elementary School Principal
Buena Park Middle School Assistant Principal

Transportation Supervisor
 Beatty Middle School Counselor
 Corey, Special Education Teacher
 Classified Staff - Bus Driver
 Classified Staff - Secretary
 Buena Park Middle School ASB Student
 Bus Vendor
 CHP
 OCTA: We reached out to OCTA; a representative is not available to participate.
 AQMD: We reached out to AQMD; a representative is not available to participate.
 Bus Driver Trainer-Consultant
 BPSD Parent
 DELAC Member English-Speaking Parent

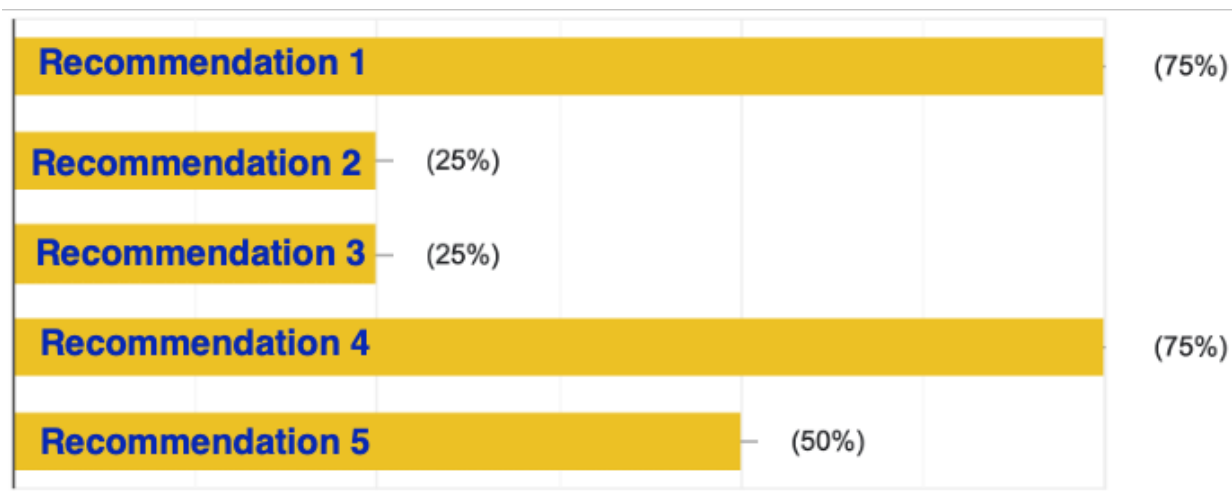
The District is also working with and supporting the City of Buena Park's Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application for a Safe Routes to School Plan.

The District is working with the South Coast AQMD Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The District applied for and received funding for an Electric School Bus and electrical infrastructure. The electric infrastructure was installed in October 2023, and the electric bus was delivered in December 2023. The electric bus is now being used daily.

Transportation Committee recommendations to improve student transportation and reduce student time on the bus:

1. Staggered pick-up and drop-off
2. Staggered school start times
3. Extend the walking distance for Middle School Students
4. Improve driver recruitment
5. Get OCTA bus passes for Middle School Students

Table 1: Transportation Committee Recommendations



Revenue Calculations

The Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by Assembly Bill (AB) 181 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) and amended by AB 185 (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2022). It provides reimbursement funding for school districts and county offices of education (COEs) based on the prior year's eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) transportation-related add-on funding.

The District will receive a transportation allowance equal to 60 percent of the home-to-school transportation expenses from the 2023-24 school year. The 2024-2025 estimated reimbursement is \$312,658.08.

2023-2024 Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	
1000-1999 Certificated Salaries	\$9,411.45
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	\$654,397.40
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	\$379,220.97
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	\$143,140.16
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	\$21,745.16
6000-6999 • Capital Outlay	\$7,832.47
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	
Total Expenditures	\$1,215,747.61
Less Capital Outlay (object6XXX, Function 3600)	\$7,832.47
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110.7150, Function 3600)	
	\$1,207,915.14
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$724,749.08
Less 2023-24 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	\$412,091.00
Total Revenue (Object 8590. Resource 0000)	\$312,658.08

Transportation Routes

The Buena Park School District provides the following routes. Some special education students are transported to non-public school services by a third-party contractor.

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The Paul Lee School Bus Safety Law

In accordance with Education Code § 39831.3(a)(4), the Transportation Department deploys the following departmental policy to ensure students are not left unattended on a school bus:

After each run (this means at each school site in the morning and after the last stop for each school in the mid-day and the PM), all drivers will physically walk to the rear of the bus and check each row of seats to ensure that there are NO STUDENTS still on board. This bus check shall include looking under the bus seats.

Upon returning to the Transportation facility, drivers will once again physically walk to the rear of the bus and check each row of seats to ensure that there are NO STUDENTS still on board. This bus check shall include looking under the bus seats. Drivers will press the Child Check deactivation button located at the rear of the bus by the back window.

Unsafe Driving Conditions

Should the Director of Transportation or designee feel that it would endanger the passengers, the driver, or the equipment, transportation will cease until such conditions improve.

Vehicle Code 34501.6 states: The governing board of a local educational agency that provides transportation of pupils shall adopt procedures that limit the operation of school buses when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation service. Operational policies for school activity trips shall give school bus drivers discretionary authority to discontinue school bus operations if the driver determines that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility.

The Director of Transportation, or designee, shall notify the schools by phone if the above conditions exist.

Speed: Section 22406 of the California Vehicle Code specifies a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour for any vehicle that transports school pupils. This and other regulations concerning speed restrictions must be adhered to. The maximum speed for bus drivers will be 55 miles per hour. Speed should be significantly reduced at curves, blind crossings, crests of hills, in fog, or whenever the view is otherwise obstructed so that a stop may be made within the distance of clear vision.

Appendix A

Bus Conduct / Safety Rules

The Transportation Department provides bus transportation for its students in accordance with the provisions of the California Education Code. In order to provide this service with maximum safety, all students must understand that the bus driver is in complete charge and control of the bus. School bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility entrusted upon them, and it is important that they have your child's cooperation as well as your cooperation in following the bus rules to ensure that their ride is a safe and enjoyable one.

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14263 governing pupil transportation states: "Pupils transported in a school bus **shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus**, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation".

School bus rules of conduct are established first and foremost to ensure that all students have a safe ride to and from home. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and appropriate behavior is expected at all times. For those who are unable to follow the established rules, a series of sanctions are applied that are appropriate to the offense. Remember, riding the school bus is a **PRIVILEGE—NOT A RIGHT**.

1. Please arrive at the assigned pick-up point at least five (5) minutes, but not more than ten (10) minutes, before the bus is due to arrive. When your child rushes to catch the bus, he or she may be careless when crossing the street or approaching the bus.
2. Students are required to use their assigned bus stop each day. No student is permitted to ride any other bus to a friend's house, a music lesson, a scout meeting, etc., or to a different stop.
3. Students are to respect the property at the bus stop and conduct themselves in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. As the bus arrives, students must stand in a single file line, stand at least twelve (12) feet back from the bus door, and not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the driver has opened the bus door. Student conduct at the bus stop should be the same as required on school grounds. Actions such as littering, spitting, throwing any object, vandalism, pushing, shoving, smoking/vaping/e-cigarette, and harassment of others will not be tolerated.
4. As required by VC 22112, when students need to cross a street or private road upon which the school bus has stopped, the driver shall activate the flashing red light system. When safe to do so, the driver of the school bus is required by law to escort students in grades TK through 8 across the street using a hand-held stop sign. The driver, when ready to disembark the bus, will be the first to exit, regardless of whether a student in front of the line needs to cross. Students who need to cross the roadway will wait in front of and to the right of the bus, where

they can see the driver, and the driver can see them. Students shall always cross the street **in front** of the bus, but **NOT** until they have been instructed, with verbal commands, to do so by the bus driver. Students will walk, not run, completely across the roadway and continue moving away from the roadway. If the student has forgotten anything on the bus or has dropped something in the roadway

THEY ARE TO TELL THE DRIVER. THEY ARE NOT TO RUN BACK INTO THE ROADWAY ONCE THEY HAVE CROSSED THE ROADWAY.

The students who do not cross the roadway will exit and move away from the bus. Failure to follow these rules, in accordance with California State law, will be issued a bus ticket.

5. Students shall fasten any passenger restraint systems and keep them fastened during the entire bus ride.

6. The bus driver will determine the order of a student's entrance and seating aboard the bus. Once aboard the bus, students are to find their seats quickly and remain seated at all times, facing front while the bus is in motion. They are to stay seated until the bus comes to a **FULL AND COMPLETE STOP**. The bus driver has the right to assign seats as they determine necessary. Failure of the student to sit where assigned will result in a bus ticket.

7. Orderly behavior is required while aboard the bus. Abusive body contact (fighting, slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, etc.) is not permitted. Students are to talk quietly. Shouting, yelling, boisterous behavior, horseplay, profane language, obscene gestures, or any unnecessary noise may distract the attention of the driver and, therefore, is prohibited for the safety of all passengers.

8. Students are to keep all parts of their body inside the bus at all times. Littering the bus, vandalism, or throwing anything on or out of the bus will not be permitted. Parents will be charged for any damages to the bus.

9. Eating, drinking, and gum-chewing are not allowed on the bus. **No Smoking or Vaping/E-Cigarette** is allowed on the bus at any time.

10. Animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, insects, etc.), unprotected glass containers, skateboards, aerosol cans of any type, matches, lighters, radios, dangerous objects such as knives, scissors, guns, or alcoholic beverages and drugs may NOT be carried aboard the bus.

11. Students must never open, close, or tamper with any part of the bus or its equipment unless specifically instructed to do so by the driver. Students are to stay out of the driver's compartment unless the driver is present or an emergency requires a student to secure the bus. Students must not block the aisle or emergency exits with their bodies or personal belongings.

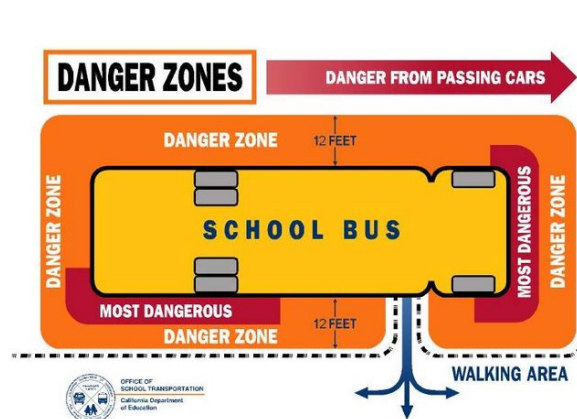
12. Students may bring electronic devices onto the bus **ONLY** if those items are permitted at school. Students may use cellular phones or similar devices only if they do **not** disrupt the safe operation of the school bus.

13. All students in grades TK through 8 who are transported in a school bus or school activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures once per school year.

14. At least once each school year, all students in Transitional Kindergarten through grade 8 inclusive who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but not limited to, proper loading and unloading procedures, escorted by the driver, proper passenger conduct, bus evacuation, location of emergency equipment, responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit, and practice the procedures to evacuate the school bus through emergency exit doors, **NOT THE FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR!**

15. Students must observe safe walking habits and be alert for traffic on their way to and from their bus stop. Whenever students cross any street, they must remember to stop, listen, and look left, right, and left again before crossing the street. Students shall cross all streets by utilizing crosswalks and/or traffic signals. Students should **NOT** talk to strangers or accept rides from strangers. When leaving the bus, students are to stay out of the **DANGER ZONE!**

16. The “**DANGER ZONE**” is the space around the school bus. It radiates out from the school bus by 12 feet. The school bus driver cannot see students in these zones. Students are to move away from the bus door quickly and stay clear of the wheels. They **ARE NOT** to go after anything that rolls or falls under or in front of the bus—they are to **TELL** the driver about it. Never reach back into the bus through the window.



Appendix B

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may ride a school bus?

For Buena Park School District: Students in grades TK-5 who live more than .85 miles from their school of attendance and students in grades 6-8 who live more than 1.5 miles from their school of attendance.

Will an elementary school student be dropped off at the bus stop if no adult is there to meet them?

Only **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** are required to have a designated person at the bus stop to receive them. Parents of transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students may sign a waiver that allows the kindergartner to walk home unattended or to be picked up by someone else. This form may be obtained from the bus driver. All students in grades 1 through 8 need not have a designated person to receive them at the bus stop and will be dropped off at the bus stop without an adult there to meet them.

What happens if there is no one to receive a transitional kindergarten or kindergarten student at the bus stop?

Transitional kindergarten or kindergarten students will be returned to their school of attendance. It will then be the parent's responsibility to pick up the student(s) from the school site. Future transportation privileges may be suspended if a student is returned to school.

When I'm present at my child's bus stop, may I walk my child across the street without the school bus driver's assistance?

NO. California law dictates that all students in grades TK through 8 **MUST** be escorted across the street by their school bus driver, even if the child's parent is present.

What type of communication does the Transportation Department have with the bus driver when they are transporting students?

All district buses are radio-equipped. Radios are expressly used for the safety of students and to determine the whereabouts of a bus or student.

How are the bus routes designed?

Routes are designed for safety, efficiency, and the conservation of time.

Are school buses safe?

All school buses must be certified by the Motor Carrier Division of the California Highway Patrol annually. Additionally, the transportation terminal is inspected annually by the Motor Carrier Division to ensure that the buses are maintained according to state established standards and that an approved, documented maintenance program is in place.

How are school bus drivers trained?

All drivers must be certified by the California Highway Patrol. Prior to certification, the driver must successfully complete a medical examination, complete a minimum of twenty hours of classroom training, complete a minimum of twenty hours of behind the wheel training, and pass a fingerprint and background check. All drivers must also complete ten hours of in-service training each year. Drivers must renew their school bus certificate every five years. Additionally, the Transportation Department receives notification from the DMV if any action is taken on the license of a school bus driver.

Transportation bus riders' discipline procedures:

The student shall be warned verbally for the first infraction unless the infraction is of an unusually severe nature. Normally, bus drivers verbally warn students in regard to any misbehavior. Another tool at the bus driver's disposal is to assign seats for any misbehaving student. If a student's behavior does not improve, further steps are taken to ensure compliance. These steps are:

First Offense: The student will be called into the school office and will be counseled and cautioned about his/her unsatisfactory behavior. A written bus ticket warning will be issued to the student. The warning ticket must be signed by a parent and returned to the bus driver.

Second Offense: The student will be called into the school office. Parents may be called and informed of the student's unacceptable behavior. They will further be informed that the student's bus transportation privilege may be suspended for a period of time. The student will be issued a bus ticket, which must be signed by a parent and returned to the bus driver.

Third/Fourth Offense: The student will be called into the school office and informed that his/her transportation privilege has been suspended. The duration of transportation suspension will be at the discretion of the Principal and Assistant Principal, with consultation rights retained by the Transportation Department, and will depend on the severity of the unacceptable behavior. A bus ticket will be issued to the student, which must be signed by a parent and returned to the bus driver.

After Third/Fourth Offense: After the third/fourth offense of unsatisfactory conduct has been written on a student, and action has been taken, offense number 5, 6, etc., shall result in time off the bus. Depending on the severity of the conduct, it is possible to have transportation privileges revoked for the remainder of the school year.

If a student's bus privileges are suspended on one bus, that suspension will be for all buses to and from school.