

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
2025/2026



## **OUR DISTRICT**

Central Unified School District educates approximately 15,963 students across 24 schools in the City and County of Fresno. CUSD is led by its Superintendent, Mrs. Ketti Davis, and is governed by a Board of Education composed of publicly elected officials. Central Unified School District is a unified school district encompassing an area of approximately 88 square miles located in the western portion of Fresno, west of Highway 99. The District operates 14 elementary schools, three (3) middle schools, three (3) high schools, and four (4) specialty schools consisting of one adult school, one community day school, one continuation high school as well as one online homeschool.

Central Unified School District's Board of Trustees and District Administration are committed to providing transportation for the students in our school District. The reimbursement made possible by submitting this plan is helpful towards covering some of the costs of our services, although not all of them. We have been intentional about transportation decisions that include accessing services above and beyond our fleet of buses as needed and will continue to do so.

## **Transportation Plan**

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 eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) transportation-related add-on funding.

In accordance with Education Code 39800.1, 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 grades 1-6 inclusive, and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by the Local Education Agency's Governing Board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 39800.1, Central Unified School District has developed the following plan describing the transportation services it will offer to 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. This Transportation Plan is designed to provide safe and consistent transportation services for our students. This plan is currently in operation and will continue for the 2025-2026 school year.

***1. Provide a description of the transportation services offered to pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 - 6 inclusive and pupils who are low income. The plan may provide for the LEA to partner***

***with a municipally owned transit system to provide services to middle and high school students. An LEA may provide no-cost transit passes to students.***

Central Unified School District provides home to school transportation services for TK through 12th grade and students with disabilities. We have a total of 15,963 students, where 6934 are eligible for a yellow school bus and 2730 are eligible for a FAX bus pass (secondary students only). CUSD has Administrative Regulation (AR) 3541, which defines the scope of transportation services offered. Students with disabilities are offered transportation through their IEP (individual education plan).

Students are transported on buses owned by Central Unified School District, Medical transport, First student (in accordance with FCSS) and Fresno Area Express Transit (FAX).

The Central Unified Transportation department is located on Grantland Avenue between Shaw Avenue and Ashlan Avenue with 103 buses and 73 bus drivers. We transported students approx. 1,007,744 miles in 2023/2024. Our vehicles are clean diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), gasoline and electric.

*2. Provide a description of the LEA'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.).*

Central Unified School District serves 1819 SWD and families who are in transition each year. Students served are enrolled in special education programs from preschool through Adult in Central Unified. Students TK through 12th grade who have been displaced and are in transition are also provided services. Transportation services are offered or provided to all students served in accordance with their IEP. Students that have been displaced are provided transportation from their current location (outside of the District) back to their home school starting immediately. Transportation is provided by Central Unified buses, Medical transport, First Student and Fresno Area Express (FAX) transit (secondary students only).

*3. Provide 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.*

Approximately 9664 students which included unduplicated pupils, have and will continue to have access to no cost transportation. These services are provided by Central Unified School District or Fresno Area Express transit (secondary students only). When a student's program is located outside of the District, Central Unified works in conjunction with FCSS and First Student or medical transport to provide no cost transportation.

**Consultation**

4. Provide a description of the required plan consultation with 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 Central Unified School District consulted with the following educational partners in the creation of this plan.

Date of Events:

February 17, 2023- Sent survey to community

February 17, 2023- Sent survey to Local transit authority and SJVAPCD

February 17, 2023- Sent survey to all Classified and Certificated staff

March 1, 2023- Parent Engagement night open to the public for comments

**Logistical Data**

5. Provide details on costs over the past two years.

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Working</b>
<b>Budget</b>	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Reimbursement Calculation</b>				
Total General Fund Contribution	\$9,896,780.93	\$14,494,567.20	\$10,534,471.00	\$16,544,657.65
Less Capital Outlay	\$1,854,068.11	\$5,351,465.47	\$1,392,051.56	\$6,338,848.11
Total Eligible Expenditure for Reimbursement Calculation	\$8,042,712.82	\$9,143,101.73	\$9,142,419.44	\$10,205,809.54
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$4,825,627.69	\$5,485,861.04	\$5,485,451.66	\$6,123,485.72
Less Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	\$1,866,883.00	\$2,018,661.00	\$2,020,341.00	\$2,041,959.00
<b>Total Reimbursement</b>	<b>\$2,958,744.69</b>	<b>\$3,467,200.04</b>	<b>\$3,465,110.66</b>	<b>\$4,081,526.72</b>

		<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Working</b>
<b>General Fund Contributions</b>				
Classified Salaries	\$4,117,127.71	\$4,332,464.53	\$4,685,316.08	\$4,858,584.68
Employee Benefits	\$2,346,432.09	\$2,398,600.45	\$2,610,274.90	\$2,967,612.08
Materials and Supplies	\$1,231,469.12	\$1,374,593.46	\$1,201,484.66	\$1,385,213.79
Services and other Operating Expenditures	\$347,683.90	\$1,037,443.29	\$645,343.80	\$994,398.99
Capital Outlay	\$1,854,068.11	\$5,351,465.47	\$1,392,051.56	\$6,338,848.11
Other Outgo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$9,896,780.93</b>	<b>\$14,494,567.20</b>	<b>\$10,534,471.00</b>	<b>\$16,544,657.65</b>
Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)		\$2,018,661.00	\$2,020,341.00	\$2,041,959.00
Grants		\$4,619,902.41	\$963,042.52	\$6,196,859.91
Reimbursement- AB 181		\$3,467,200.04	\$3,466,790.66	\$4,010,828.38
<b>Total Revenue Received</b>		<b>\$10,105,763.45</b>	<b>\$6,450,174.18</b>	<b>\$12,249,647.29</b>
<b>Total General Fund Contribution to Transportation</b>		<b>\$4,388,803.75</b>	<b>\$4,084,296.82</b>	<b>\$4,295,010.36</b>

On June 30, 2023, Central Unified received \$1,799,268.82 for the 2021-2022 school year.  
On June 30, 2024, Central Unified received \$2,958,744.69 for the 2022-2023 school year.  
As of March 10, 2025, Central Unified has received \$1,776,242.00 of the \$3,446,790.66 for the 2023-2024 school year.

In accordance with EDC. § 39800.1(b)(2), this plan was presented and adopted by the Governing Board of the Local Educational Agency in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment.

**Updated 3/28/25**