

**Eureka City Schools
Transportation Services Plan
2024-25**

Transportation Services:

1. Enter description of 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. Plan may provide for the LEA to partner with municipally owned transit system to provide services to middle and high school students. An LEA may provide no-cost transit passes to students.

Eureka City Schools (ECS) currently offers free home to school transportation to all students who meet two conditions. First, they must attend their School of Residence. Second, they must live outside of the established Non-Transportation Zones for their Schools of Residence. The Non-Transport Zone extends approximately 2 miles from the respective Schools of Residence.

Eureka City Schools also provides a Transportation Hardship Request process for students who either attend a school other than their School of Residence, or who reside within the Non-Transportation Zone. Barring other mitigating circumstances, ECS will prioritize Transportation Hardship Requests for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, as well as unduplicated pupils, which includes pupils who come from low income households. Unduplicated pupils are students who are English learners, meet income or categorical eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, or are foster youth.

The district's ability to accommodate hardship requests is in great part contingent on the number of drivers available to take on additional routes. Eureka City Schools, like many districts across the state and the nation, is dealing with a severe shortage of bus drivers. This shortage persists despite the recent adoption of a School Bus Driver Incentive and Retention program, which provides signing and retention bonuses and other compensation enhancements to qualifying drivers and applicants. At the time the Transportation Services Plan is being developed, ECS has six full-time bus drivers. It requires a minimum nine full-time drivers to adequately cover the routes the district traditionally offers.

2. Enter description of LEA's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.

Eureka City Schools offers transportation services in the least restrictive environment to all pupils with disabilities in accordance with students' Individual Education Plans (IEP). Students identified as being homeless are transported based on student needs in order for the students to maintain continuity of enrollment at their school of origin.

3. Enter description of how unduplicated pupils, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no-cost to the pupils.

Eureka City Schools currently offers free home to school transportation to all students who qualify by living within their school of attendance boundaries, and who reside outside the Non-Transportation Zones.

As referenced previously, ECS will prioritize Transportation Hardship Requests for unduplicated pupils, which includes English learners, foster youth, and those students who meet income or categorical eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

PROJECTED FUNDING

Revenue Calculation

Total 2023-24 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	894,700.00
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	-
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	-
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	536,820.00
Less 2023-24 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	416,276.00

Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000) 120,544.00

2024/25 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	555,900.00
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	327,260.00
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	124,573.00
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	8,215.00
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	77,780.00
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	-

Total 2024/25 Budgeted Expenditures 1,093,728.00

Board Approval Date: 13-Mar-25

The Transportation plan and revenue calculations were developed in accordance with Education Code Sections 39800.1 and 41850.1.