

Eureka City Schools Transportation Services Plan 2022-23

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 five 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.

Consultations:

Enter 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.

Eureka City Schools hosted a meeting on March 16, 2023, to gather input concerning transportation services from all interested stakeholders.

In addition, the district consulted with a wide variety of stakeholders, and provided several options for input regarding the transportation plan. The list of meetings and consultations includes the following:

- February 27, 2023, and follow-up March 9, 2023: Consultation with North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District
- March 13, 2023: LCAP stakeholder meeting, which included classified staff, teachers, parents, and administrators

- March 15, 2023: Consultation with Humboldt Transit Authority
- March 15, 2023: California School Employee Association (classified employees)
- March 20, 2023: Eureka Teachers Association (certificated bargaining unit)
- March 21, 2023: District English Learners Advisory Council (DELAC) meeting

The district also posted information to its website announcing opportunities to provide input and comment for the plan by attending the March 16 stakeholders meeting, providing an email link, and announcing the March 30, 2023, Board meeting review of the plan. Facebook announcements were also aired internally and to the community at large, highlighting the same opportunities for comment.

PROJECTED FUNDING

Revenue Calculation

Total 2021-22 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	879,653.93
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	-
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	-
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	527,792.36
Less 2021-22 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	384,657.00

Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	143,135.36
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2022/23 Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	462,067.00
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	278,513.00
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	181,706.00
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	61,524.00
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	-
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	-

Total 2022/23 Budgeted Expenditures	983,810.00
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Board Approval Date: (must be on or before April 1, 2023)

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

EDUCATION CODE - EDC

TITLE 2. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION [33000 - 65001] (*Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.*)

DIVISION 3. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION [35000 - 45500] (*Division 3 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.*)

PART 23.5. TRANSPORTATION [39800 - 40090.5] (*Part 23.5 added by Stats. 1999, Ch. 646, Sec. 14.*)

CHAPTER 1. Transportation Services [39800 - 39860] (*Chapter 1 added by Stats. 1999, Ch. 646, Sec. 14.*)

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [39800 - 39809.5] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1999, Ch. 646, Sec. 14.*)

39800.1. (a) As a condition of receiving apportionments under Section 41850.1, a local educational agency 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 adopted by the local educational agency's governing board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter. 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.

(b) (1) The plan shall be developed in 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.

(2) The plan shall be 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.

(c) The plan may provide for the local educational agency to partner with a municipally owned transit system to provide service pursuant to this section to middle school and high school pupils.

(d) Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

(e) For purposes of this section, "local educational agency" means a school district or a county office of education. (Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 52, Sec. 14. (AB 181) Effective June 30, 2022.)

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PART 24. SCHOOL FINANCE [41000 - 43052] (*Part 24 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.*)

CHAPTER 5. Foundation Program [41760.2 - 41972] (*Chapter 5 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.*)

ARTICLE 10. Allowances for Transportation [41850 - 41851.1] (*Article 10 repealed (by Sec. 18.7) and added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 498, Sec. 18.9.*)

41850.1. (a) (1) Commencing with the 2022–23 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall apportion to each school district and county superintendent of schools that provides pupil transportation services, a transportation allowance equal to 60 percent of the home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by the school district or county superintendent of schools, as determined by its Function 3600 entry in the Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) report, consistent with the definition in the California School Accounting Manual, for the prior year, excluding capital outlay and nonagency expenditures. This allowance shall be reduced by the amount of the transportation add-on computed for the prior fiscal year under paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 42238.02 and adjusted under paragraph (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 42238.02 for a school district or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 2574 and adjusted under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 2574 for a county superintendent of schools. If this reduction results in an amount less than zero, the transportation allowance under this section shall be zero.

(2) Home-to-school transportation expenditures reported for a school district with two component school districts under a common administration board pursuant to Section 35110 shall be divided among the component school districts in proportion to the transportation add-on amounts computed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 42238.02.

(3) For reorganized school districts, the prior fiscal year home-to-school transportation expenditures for purposes of paragraph (1) shall be determined as follows:

(A) A new school district shall be credited with the amount of eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by each former school district before the reorganization. A new school district shall not be credited with eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by divided school districts before the reorganization.

(B) An acquiring school district shall be credited with the amount of eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures it reported before the reorganization, plus the amount of eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by each former school district before the reorganization. A new school district shall not be credited with eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by divided school districts before the reorganization.

(C) The remaining portion of a divided school district shall be credited with eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures it reported before the reorganization.

(D) If the reorganization includes a former school district that has been wholly included in more than one new or acquiring school districts, the amount of eligible home-to-school transportation expenditures shall be determined in a manner consistent with the adjustments made to the transportation add-on specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 42238.02 pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 35735.

(b) A local educational agency shall be subject to audits required by Section 41020 with respect to this section, including adoption of the transportation plan pursuant to Section 39800.1. The Controller shall include instructions appropriate to the enforcement of this section in the audit guide required by subdivision (a) of Section 14502.1.

(c) The department shall annually collect and publish transportation data from each local educational agency providing pupil transportation services and that receives an apportionment pursuant to this section. The data shall encompass ridership, miles driven, expenditure details, the number of pupils transported, the demographic characteristics of pupils transported, including race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and other data facilitating comparisons among local educational agencies. The department shall determine the specific data elements in consultation with the Legislature and with local experts, including the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team established pursuant to Section 42127.8.

(d) As used in this section, "local educational agency" means a school district or county office of education that is providing school transportation services.

(e) School districts and county offices of education that provide transportation services by means of a joint powers agreement, a cooperative pupil transportation program, or a consortium shall receive transportation allowances pursuant to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 571, Sec. 16. (AB 185) Effective September 27, 2022.)