

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

March 8, 2026

Why is a transportation plan necessary?

Education Code 39800.1

- ✓ New requirement established under the Enacted State Budget
- ✓ Under the Education Code (EC) § 39800.1, school districts “*shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, and **how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils who are low income.***”

This E.C. applies **ONLY** to the development of the plan



Annual Update of Transportation Plan

- The Development of the Transportation Plan required outreach:
 - California Association of Classified Employees (CSEA)
 - Gilroy Federation of Paraeducators (GFP)
 - Gilroy Teachers' Association (GTA)
 - Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC)
 - GUSD Principals
 - Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
 - Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
 - GUSD Board of Education
- There is no requirement in EC 39800.1 for consultation with stakeholders when updating the plan, only upon development.
- To avoid a false expectation of increased transportation services, noting the statewide shortage of bus drivers, GUSD staff updated the plan and is submitting as part of the Sunday Report to meet the compliance component of the law.

Current Transportation

- In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation (AR 3541)
- GUSD transports about 718 students daily.

Elementary schools	Middle schools	High schools
Grades TK-5 One-mile radius	Grades 6–8 Two-mile radius	Grades 9-12 Three-mile radius

- Additionally, transportation is also provided to the following:

Migrant students	McKinney Vento	Students receiving Special Education Services
40	33	236

Current staffing

Transportation Department

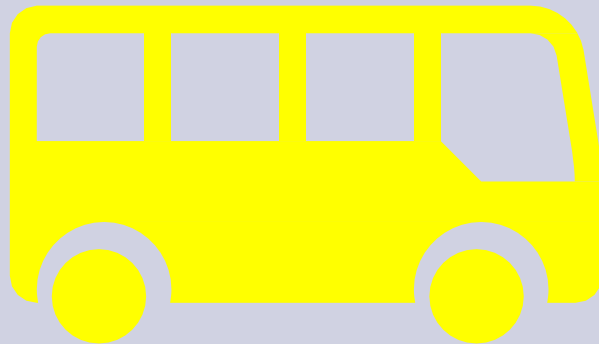
15 drivers
(9 vacancies)

2 Mechanics

2 Dispatchers

1 Driver Trainer
(1 Vacancy)

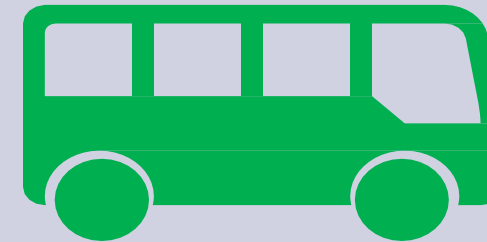
5 White Fleet
(Driver Trainees)



20 Daily GUSD Routes
718 students
16 School Bus Routes



4 White Fleet Van
Routes Driven by
Driver Trainees

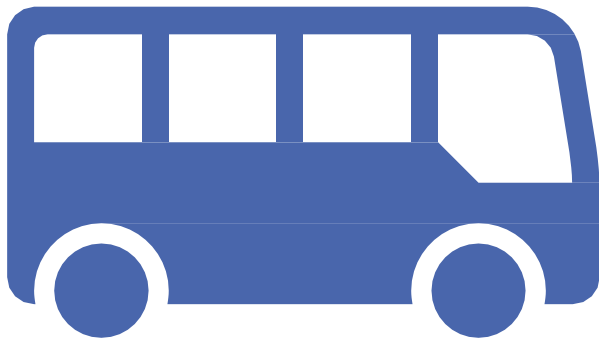


5 Contracted routes (SafeTrans) 11 students
Out of District Schools
Beacon, Creekside, Dartmouth,
Esther B. Clark, Hester, Kinship, Leigh HS,
Morgan Autism Center, Oasis, Oster,
Pine Hill, Rising Star, The Bay School

Under New Requirements...

- Number of eligible TK-6 students to be prioritized: **2,868**
- Eligible 7-12 students: **2,928**
- Total of **5,796**
- **Currently transporting 718 students daily**

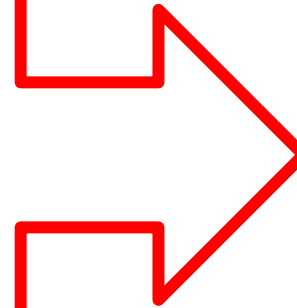
REALITY
CHECK



**718
students
transported daily**

Would need:

- 10 x the staff
- Additional Buses
- Facilities
- Financial implications on district solvency (only 60% reimbursement)



**5,796
students
eligible**

Projected Reimbursement 2026-2027

Gilroy Unified School District Transportation Plan 2026-27

PROJECTED TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT BUDGET 2026-2027

	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
Projected Reimbursement Revenue Calculation		
Total PROJECTED 2025/2026 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	4,105,921.30	4,197,695.29
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	-	-
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	-	-
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	2,463,552.78	2,518,617.17
Less 25/26 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator- Summary Tab Line 26)	1,163,822.00	1,193,034.00
Total Received/Projected Reimbursement Revenue (Object 8590, Res 0000)	1,138,765.00	1,325,583.17
Resource Code 3600 Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	1,486,086.02	1,523,238.17
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	900,318.63	922,826.60
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	467,685.18	479,377.31
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	1,251,831.47	1,272,253.21
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	-	-
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	-	-
Total Expenditures	4,105,921.30	4,197,695.29

Approval Date

(must be on or before April 1, 2026)

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

BALANCE (Total Available minus Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses)

(2,872,112.12)

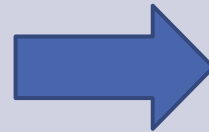
State's 60% Reimbursement



2026-27 Projected Reimbursement

- Based on 2025-26 projected expenditures
- Excluding field trips and other costs

\$1,138,765
for
FY 25-26



\$1,325,583
for
FY 26-27

Funding contingent
upon May Revision and
Enacted Budget

Action Plan



GUSD will continue to....

- Prioritize and expand services to eligible low income students in grades TK-6th grade, given the constraints, labor shortage of bus drivers, fleet capacity, etc.**
- Provide free VTA passes to eligible high school students
- Inform the community of current public transportation options VTA offers
- Advertise to hire additional bus drivers, driver trainers, etc.