

Panoche School District

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TOPIC: 2023-2028 Transportation Plan (5 Year Plan)

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Adopt Transportation Plan as Attached

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: An increase in transportation funding is included as part of Governor Newsom's 2022-2023 state budget for local education agencies (LEA). To be eligible for these funds, LEA's need to adopt a transportation plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in TK thru grade 6 and pupils who are low-income, additionally while developing a plan to provide transportation services for all students.

The plan must include the following components:

- A description of the transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless pupils
- A description of how unduplicated pupils would be able to access the home to school transportation with no fees
- Development in consultation with classified staff, local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts, air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other stakeholders
- Provision for the school district to partner with a municipally owned transit system to provide transportation services for middle school pupils

Attached you will find the 2023-2028 Transportation Plan for Panoche Elementary School District updated for the 2025-2026 school year.

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Transportation Services Plan
2023-2028

Per Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1, as a condition of receiving apportionments for Transportation Services (under EC Section 41850.1), a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services. The plan shall be presented and adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency on or before APRIL 1, 2026 in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment. 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. Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

1. Enter description of your district's plan of the transportation services it will offer to pupils, and how it will prioritize transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income.

Panoche Elementary School District is located in a rural area and services fewer than 10 students. Panoche employs a single certificated employee who serves as Superintendent, Principal, and K-8 teacher. The district owns a van but does not provide daily transportation for students due to lack of available staff. The district uses the van as needed to transport students to field trips. Transportation funds are used to maintain the school van as needed. In addition, transportation funds may be used to reimburse mileage expenses at the end of the the school year based on number of days each student is in attendance. these reimbursments are provided to all families, with priority given to transiitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and pupils who are low income.

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

Special consideration is given to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth. If and when these students enroll at Panoche, the Teacher/Principal meets with the family to determine if additional support is needed. If these needs can not be fully met by the district, additional services are then contracted and coordinated with the San Benito County Office of Education.

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

Parents may be reimbursed for mileage expenses by the end of the school year and more regularly if needed as determined by the consultation between the family and Superintendent. If additional transportation services are needed, the district would use available funds to contract with a driver to provide additional transportation support using the school van at no cost to the pupils.

4. Your plan must 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. Enter description of your plan consultation with those parties.

This plan was developed with consultation of 100% of Panoche employees, the local school board, and 100% of Panoche families were consulted within the planning phase. The Transportation Plan was provided to the local transit authorities and air quality management district on February 22, 2023, their input and/or comments were addressed or added to the plan.

2025-26 Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement Calculation

A. Total 2024-25 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	$ 492.18
B. Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	$ -
C. Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	$ -
D. Estimated 60% Reimbursement	$ 295.31
E. Less 2023-24 Transportation Add-on from LCFF (if >0, the Transportation Allowance shall be zero):	$ 1,009.00
Total 2024-25 HTS Transportation Reimbursement Calculation (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	**$ -**

2025-26 Projected Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2000-2999: Classified Salaries	$ -
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	$ -
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	$ 300.00
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	$ 1,175.00
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	$ -
7000-7999: Other Outgo	$ -
Total Estimated Expenditures	**$ 1,475.00**

LEA Board Approval Date (must be on or before April 1, 2024):	03/11/2024
LEA Review Date (must be on or before April 1, 2025):	03/10/2025
LEA Review Date (must be on or before April 1, 2026):	03/09/2026

Resources:

California Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=39800.1.&lawCode=EDC

California Education Code (EC) Section 41850.1:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=41850.1.&lawCode=EDC

Home-to-School Transportation Reimbursement FAQs:

https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/tr/#TransportationServicePlan