



Bitterwater-Tully School

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TOPIC: 2023-2028 Transportation Services Plan (5 year)

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Approve/Adopt Transportation Plan as Presented

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, teachers, 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 (5 year) Transportation Plan for Bitterwater-Tully Elementary School District updated for the 2025-2026 school year.

BITTERWATER-TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

The current transportation program in Bitterwater-Tully School District will be available to students living in all geographical areas within the district's boundaries. The bus has had some mechanical issues this school year, and is currently at the mechanic shop getting necessary repairs made. It should be back in service by March 23, 2026.

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

The current transportation program in Bitterwater-Tully School District will be available to students living in all geographical areas within the district's boundaries including students who are identified as low-income. All students who hold an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) and qualify for Special Education services, receive free transportation. Modifications and resources are outline in each Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

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

The current transportation program in Bitterwater-Tully School District will be available to all students including unduplicated pupils living in all geographical areas within the district's boundaries.

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.

Bitterwater-Tully School District's Transportation Plan was developed with consultation of classified staff, teachers, administrator, local air pollution control district and air quality management district, and families. Families completed a transportation plan survey on March 8, 2023. Families expressed the need for busing to get their children to and from school. Some of their concerns were the price of fuel, road conditions, and both parents working, which have made it difficult to have their children attend school daily. Several families carpool or have had to drop off their children at 7am to be able to get to work on time. This has also affected families with low-income and high needs students. Classified Staff, teachers, and administration met during a staff meeting on February 25, 2026.

MBARD can recommend that buses be used to transport students whenever possible (better for the air quality than single-use motor vehicles) and that these buses use clean diesel or electric (preferred). MBARD has provided funding assistance to help schools purchase low and zero-emissions school buses. MBARD has made significant investments in improving school transportation fleets and infrastructure throughout our jurisdiction per their letter date February 27, 2023.

At this time, San Benito County Public Transit does not have a route in our school district. 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)	\$	34,011.00
B. Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	\$	-
C. Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	\$	-
D. Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$	20,406.60
E. Less 2023-24 Transportation Add-on from LCFF (if >0, the Transportation Allowance shall be zero):	\$	18,932.00
Total Transportation Allowance (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	\$	1,475.00

2025-26 Projected Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2000-2999: Classified Salaries	\$	19,700.00
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	\$	7,177.00
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	\$	7,800.00
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	\$	6,705.00
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	\$	-
7000-7999: Other Outgo	\$	-
Total Expenditures	\$	41,382.00

LEA Board Approval Date (must be on or before April 1, 2024):	<u>03/13/2024</u>
LEA Review and Update (must be on or before April 1, 2025):	<u>03/12/2025</u>
LEA Review and Update (must be on or before April 1, 2026):	<u>03/11/2026</u>

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>