

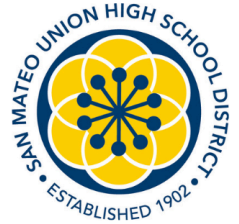
San Mateo Union High School District

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San Mateo Union High School Transportation Plan

2026-2027

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the California Legislature has required (in Education Code (EC) 39800.1) that every local educational agency (LEA) 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.

Mission:

The mission of the San Mateo Union High School District's Transportation Department is to:

- Serve the students by ensuring a safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system that meets the interests of students and enhances the quality of life for them today and into the future
- Create a supportive and encouraging learning environment by serving our students and community through professionalism, knowledgeable ideas, and utilization of the best resources available to achieve safe transportation programs

Home-to-School Transportation

San Mateo Union High School District currently offers transportation services to qualifying students attending our six comprehensive high schools and Peninsula High School. Based on Administrative Regulation (AR) 3541, a general education student is eligible for transportation services if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond five miles. Currently, school bus service is available to and from Aragon, Hillsdale, and San Mateo High Schools from Foster City. School bus service is also available to and from Peninsula High School from San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame, Millbrae, and San Bruno.

We also are proud to offer an After School Activity bus from San Mateo High School to Foster City.

Parents who choose to have their students travel to and/or from school on a school bus must purchase a School Bus Pass. For more information about **school bus passes**, please contact the Transportation Department at 650-558-2444 or transportation@smuhdsd.org.

Students that are eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program, are offered a bus pass at no cost.

Special Education Transportation

The San Mateo Union High School District Transportation Department is committed to providing special education students with a safe and upbeat riding experience consistent with federal and state laws. This specific type of transportation service is based on the individual needs of the student as well as their eligibility into the program. A District team determines the student's individual needs considering a variety of factors including the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Our students with disabilities are provided door-to-door transportation services in accordance with the student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

All transportation identified by a student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan is offered at no cost.

Students Experiencing Homelessness Transportation

The McKinney-Vento Act provides students experiencing homelessness with the right to continue attending their school of origin if it is parent-requested and in the student's best interest. Transportation to and from the school of origin must be provided or arranged by the LEA in which the school of origin is located.

Students experiencing homelessness, who are eligible under the McKinney-Vento Act, are offered transportation at no cost.

Departmental Staffing

The Transportation Department consists of 27 School Bus Drivers, 5 Special Education Van Drivers, 1 Dispatcher, 1 Department Coordinator/Instructor, 3 Mechanics, 1 Shop Foreman, and 1 Executive Transportation Officer. We operate 17 special education school bus routes, 5 special education van routes, and 7 home-to-school transit bus routes. Our fleet consists of 22 school buses, 15 special education school buses, and 16 Ford Transit Vans.

Partnership with SamTrans

The San Mateo County Transit District operates [SamTrans](#) public bus service throughout San Mateo County. SamTrans operates 70 bus routes, including frequent, local, community, express, and school-oriented routes. Many elementary, middle, and high schools in San Mateo County are served by or situated near a [SamTrans route](#). SamTrans is a public bus service and all passengers, including youth and adults, are allowed on all routes.

SamTrans' three-digit routes operate year-round, while SamTrans two-digit routes operate on school days only. The [following routes](#) service our high schools and programs with the San Mateo Community College District.

SamTrans Routes

Aragon	56, 59, CSM
Burlingame	292, ECR
Capuchino	ECR
Design Tech	260
Hillsdale	51, 57, 250, 294, 295
Mills	292, ECR
Peninsula	292
San Mateo	292
Cañada College	278
College of San Mateo	250, CSM

Overview of SamTrans Youth Fare Products

SamTrans, in partnership with the District, offers several fare products and types for youth aged 18 and under:

- [Youth Unlimited](#): The Youth Unlimited program offers free unlimited-ride bus passes to socioeconomically disadvantaged (SED) students, as defined by the California Department of Education. SED students include students who are eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program, students experiencing homelessness, foster youth, migrant students, and students whose parents did not graduate high school. Youth Unlimited passes can be used on school-oriented and all regular routes year-round. Schools may enter into an agreement with SamTrans to distribute passes to students.
- [Youth Fare Category](#): SamTrans offers youth a discounted fare of \$1.10 per bus ride when paying cash or \$1 per ride when paying with a youth Clipper card. A day pass is available for \$2 when paying cash or the SamTrans Mobile app. Youth may also purchase a discounted monthly pass on Clipper for \$27 per month. This fare may be used on school-oriented or all regular routes year-round.
- [Way2Go Passes](#): SamTrans offers a bulk pass program to educational institutions, businesses, and housing complexes. Way2Go passes may be purchased at a rate of \$35 per student per semester. Schools may sign up to purchase passes for all students at their school via the Way2Go pass program.

2026-2027 Plan and Prioritization of Expansion of Services

The action plan for 2026-27 will be to continue providing current services outlined in Board Policy and as noted above. Future expansion of existing services will be prioritized based on Board Policy and federal law, expanding services for our socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners (EL), and Foster Youth.