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EASTCHESTER
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

EUFSD POTENTIAL COST BENEFIT OF 3-TIER BUSING 2026-2027

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025
BOE Meeting, 7:30PM
EMS Cafeteria**



Overview of Current EUFSD Transportation Fleet



Specialty Transportation (Private, Parochial, Special Education)

- **ROYAL** (Ardsley & Eastchester)
 - 1 Van
- **ROYAL COACH** (Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Pelham)
 - 30+ Vans
- **FIRST STUDENT** (Eastchester)
 - 2 Vans

Regular In-District Transportation - First Student

- 18 Large Yellow Buses
- 5 Vans

Potential Total Cost Savings in 2026-2027

-\$360,993.60

- Reduction of 4 large yellow buses
- Re-assignment of 2 large yellow buses
 - 1 *reassigned* to **Waverly**
 - 1 *reassigned* to **AH** and **Greenvale**

Proposed Three Tier Bus Plan 2026-2027



Tier 1
EHS/EMS

Tier 2
A.Hutch/Greenvale

Tier 3
Waverly

Late Runs
EHS

Athletics
EHS

(-4)
14 Buses

AH (+1)
6 Buses

GV (+1)
8 Buses

Waverly (+2)
8 Buses

EHS
2 Buses

Athletics
4 Buses

- Reduction of 4 buses
- Reassignment of 2 buses
- Potentially shorter runs at **AH/GV** and **WV**
- More efficient use of bus capacity at **EMS/EHS**
- Allows for late runs
- Allows for more flexibility with Athletics after school

Ridership and Seat Assignments EHS/EMS



- EHS/EMS utilizes between 18%-59% of full bus capacity on runs in the AM
- Students currently ride the bus between 12 mins and 30 mins in duration to get to and from school
- AM Ridership is higher than PM ridership

Ridership and Seat Assignments EHS/EMS



Bus #	Total Bus Capacity	# of Students Assigned to Bus Based on Route	Current Ride Time (Mins)	ACTUAL RIDERSHIP MORNING (AM)	ACTUAL RIDERSHIP AFTERNOON (PM)	% of Bus Use
1	66	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
2	66	121	21	25	20	38%
3	66	58	13	28	14	42%
4	66	25	12	12	6	18%
5	66	45	13	17	11	25%
6	66	62	14	38	25	57%
7	66	60	15	39	27	59%
	No Bus 8					
9	66	60	15	21	9	32%
10	66	57	15	25	15	38%

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11	75	68	15	37	30	49%
12	66	53	12	23	13	35%
13	75	47	15	23	19	31%
14	66	45	15	22	18	33%
15	66	60	18	34	12	52%
16	66	41	11	13	12	20%
17	66	88	30	36	32	55%
18	66	62	15	23	16	35%
19	66	53	17	16	14	24%

Low Ridership Allows for Combination of Runs **EHS/EMS**

Tentatively Proposed combinations to reduce buses:

- Buses 2 & 3 would be combined
- Buses 6 & 14 would be combined
- Buses 16 & 18 would be combined
- Buses 4 & 5 would be combined

Current Bus Fleet Comparison

Year	Type of Bus	Number of Buses	Cost Per Bus Per Month (2025-2026 pricing)	Total Cost to District Per Year/ Per Bus (x10months)	Total Cost to District Per Year
2025-2026 (Current)	Large Yellow Buses	18	\$12,021.12/ month	\$120,211.20/ per year	\$2,163,801.60
2026-2027	Large Yellow Buses	14	\$12,877.20/ month	\$128,772.00/ per year	\$1,802,808.00
Total Savings					-\$360,993.60
New Total Cost in 2026-2027 with contractual increase included					\$1,802,808.00

Year Over Year Savings Based on Contractual Increases



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2027-2028		14	\$13,327.92/ month	\$133,279.20/ per year	\$1,865,906.00
2028-2029		14	\$13,794.48/ month	\$137,944.89/ per year	\$1,931,228.46

Changes that will automatically occur in 2026-2027 independent of tier changes

Q: Why can't we eliminate more than 4 buses for next year?

- As of 2026-2027 all new large yellow buses will only be **66** **passenger** buses which will reduce the number of student able to ride.
- At this time, we have 2 x 75 passenger buses, and the rest are 72 passenger/69 passenger

OTHER COST SAVING MEASURES UTILIZED BY EUFSD SHARED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH OTHER DISTRICTS



- **BEPT** - We currently work with BEPT Consortium to do all out-of-district and special education transportation. We split the cost by number of students riding bus
- **Ardley** - We currently do a Piggyback for out of district schools to mitigate costs
- Work with *First Student* to piggyback with other districts to mitigate costs and continue to check in with surrounding districts who are not already sharing services to see if there are opportunities to combine runs
- Utilize in house monitors vs. First Student monitors

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2026-2027

- Complete an external route analysis to compare with an internal route analysis
- Complete a school hours/schedule analysis for start and end times with an additional tier
- Report back to BOE with results of the above when complete

