

BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Letter to Households about the Free and Reduced Transportation Fee Program 2026-2027 School Year

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The Buckeye Union School District takes part in a Free and Reduced Transportation Fee Program. Eligible Student(s) may receive free or reduced fee transportation services. A reduced fee is 25% of the full price transportation fee.

- If you now get food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (CalWORKS), or benefits from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), your child may receive free transportation services.
- If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the income scale below, your child may receive transportation services for free or at a reduced price. Household means a group of related or nonrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit and sharing living expenses. Living expenses include rent, clothes, food, doctor bills, and utility bills.
- A foster child who is the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court may receive free bus services regardless of your income.

HOW TO APPLY

To get free or reduced price bus services for your child (ren) complete the attached Application for Free and Reduced Price Transportation Fees, sign it, and return it to the Transportation Office. *The application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Proof of income is also required.*

FOOD STAMP, CalWORKS and FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS

If you now receive food stamps, CalWORKS, or FDPIR benefits for your child(ren), list each child's name and your food stamp, CalWORKS, or FDPIR case number, **AN ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION.**

FOSTER OR INSTITUTIONALIZED CHILDREN

Use one application per foster or institutionalized child who is the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or the court.

Write the name of the foster or institutionalized child and the specified school the child attends. If the foster or institutionalized child receives "personal use income", list the amount of income. "Personal use income" is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as clothing, school fees and allowances; and (b) all other money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs.

The foster parent or agency official must sign the application.

****If a child is living with relatives or friends and is not a ward of the court or the welfare agency, the application must be completed with all household members and income listed.**

Free Eligibility Scale Meals, Snacks, and Milk

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 20,748	\$ 1,729	\$ 865	\$ 798	\$ 399
2	\$ 28,132	\$ 2,345	\$ 1,173	\$ 1,082	\$ 541
3	\$ 35,516	\$ 2,960	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,366	\$ 683
4	\$ 42,900	\$ 3,575	\$ 1,788	\$ 1,650	\$ 825
5	\$ 50,284	\$ 4,191	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,934	\$ 967
6	\$ 57,668	\$ 4,806	\$ 2,403	\$ 2,218	\$ 1,109
7	\$ 65,052	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
8	\$ 72,436	\$ 6,037	\$ 3,019	\$ 2,786	\$ 1,393
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 7,384	\$ 616	\$ 308	\$ 284	\$ 142

If you do not list a Food Stamp, CalWorks, or FDPIR case number for each student listed on the application you must enter:

- The names of all school-age children in your household and the school(s) they attend.
- The names of all other children in your household who do not attend school.
- The names of all adults and other household members, the amount each person received last month, and the source of income.
- The Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or indicate "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security number.

An application must be completed, with all household members and incomes listed, for a child who is living with relatives or friends, whether or not the child is a ward of the court.

An adult household member must sign the application.