



CLEVELAND UNIVERSITY **HEIGHTS** CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report
"3 Things"
Transportation Funding
5/6/26

CH-UH Strategic Plan



Goal 5, Objective 3:

Inform and educate all stakeholders regarding District finances and school funding in Ohio.



#1 –Transportation Funding Formula

The State Foundation Formula

Ohio utilizes a complexity-based formula to determine transportation aid for school districts, focusing on two primary variables:

- **Ridership & Density:** Funding is calculated based on "Qualifying Riders" (students living 1+ mile from school) or total miles traveled.
- **The Wealth Index:** The state share index measures a district's ability to raise local taxes. Higher-wealth districts receive lower state support.
- **CH-UH Context:** Because CH-UH is considered a district with moderate local capacity, its state support for transportation is significantly capped.

#2-Eligible vs. Ineligible Expenses



State Mandated

The state provides partial funding for K-8 students living over 1 mile from school, including non-public and charter students.



Non-public School Transportation

2/3 of CH-UH regular education riders attend private/charter schools—a mandated expense the state does not fully reimburse.



Excluded Costs

High school busing, students living under 1 mile, and vehicle maintenance exceeding 200% of average are borne **locally**.



#3 -The CH-UH Funding Gap

The Structural Deficit

The state share only covers approximately 56.4% of the total \$5.2 Million transportation costs for CH-UH.

This creates an annual \$2.24 Million funding gap that must be covered by the local General Fund. This effectively diverts millions of dollars away from classroom instruction and educational programs to satisfy unfunded transportation mandates.

Cuyahoga County's high density of private schools makes CH-UH one of the hardest-hit districts in the state regarding this disparity.



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Questions

<https://www.chuh.org/departments/finance/public-school-funding>