



TRANSPORTATION FIVE YEAR PLAN

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029

MANDATE

39800.1.

(a) As a condition of receiving apportionments under Section 41850.1, a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by the local educational agency's governing board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter. The plan shall include the following components:

(1) A description of the local educational agency's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).

(2) A description of how unduplicated pupils, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils. Unduplicated pupil means a pupil enrolled in a school district or a charter school who is either classified as an English learner, eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, or is a foster youth.

(b) (1) The plan shall 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.

(2) The plan shall be presented and adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment.

(c) 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.

(d) Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

(e) For purposes of this section, "local educational agency" means a school district or a county office of education.



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The Fullerton School District Transportation Plan incorporates existing Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) governing pupil transportation support services, and augmented descriptions of available services for the current school year.

The plan describes

- Transportation services offered to pupils
- The prioritization of planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 - 6 inclusive, and pupils who are low income.
- Transportation services accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.
- How unduplicated pupils would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.
- The required 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.

The Fullerton School District provides transportation services to students in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and pupils who are low income.

Routes and Bus Stops (AR 3541)

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses.

Students who reside beyond the minimum distances listed below may be considered for transportation services to the school of their attendance area:

1. For elementary school students:
Grades K-6: one and one-quarter mile
2. For junior high students:
Grades 7-8: two miles

Note: Distances are measured from the point the student boards the bus at the regular stop to the school but the shortest traveled road.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist.



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Transportation Services (AR 3541)

With the Board of Trustee's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the Fullerton School District for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 38020).
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330).
3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 38065).
4. District employees or parents traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the District (Education Code 38055.)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 38020).
6. Non-school purposes as allowed by law, such as:
 - a. Community recreation (Education Code 38052).

The District shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individual education programs (Education Code 41850, 20 USC 1400-1491, 34 CFR 104.4).

The District shall provide homeless students with transportation services comparable to those offered to other students at the school of attendance (42USC 11432).

Non-Mandated Transportation Services

Transportation Fees (BP 3250)

Because the cost of providing student transportation exceeds funding provided by the state for that purpose, the Governing Board finds that it is necessary to charge fees for home-to-school student transportation. The Superintendent or designee shall submit proposed transportation fee schedules for Board approval as may be necessary upon review of operating costs. Fees shall be determined on the basis of operating costs in accordance with law.

No charge shall be made for any transportation of a student whose individualized education program requires transportation or whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are determined indigent pursuant to administrative regulations. (BP 3250)



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Fee Schedule

2004 - 2014:

Full Fare: \$220

Reduced Fare: \$110

2014 - 2015

Full Fare: \$315

Reduced Fare: \$157.50

2015 to Present

Full Fare: \$333

Reduced Fare: \$165

2023/2024

Full Fare: \$383

Reduced Fare: Free

2024/2025

Full Fare: \$399

Reduced Fare: Free

English Learners: Free

Future Year Recommendations: Increase the Full Fare Fee by 2.5% per year or CPI (Consumer Price Index), whichever is greater.

Transportation (BP 3540(a))

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to provide transportation for students under provisions of State law and regulations. The availability of student transportation services shall be based on a determination of student needs and a careful assessment of financial resources including District funds and reimbursements from the State of California.

The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures for the administration of transportation services for students to their school of residence. Transportation to schools other than the student's school of residence is subject to prior approval by the Superintendent or his/her designee. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that the Superintendent develop procedures for the administration of transportation services that achieve the following goals:



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1. Maximum safety for students in meeting their transportation needs between home and school and related school sponsored trips.
2. The encouragement and reinforcement of desirable student behavior with respect to traffic safety and proper conduct.
3. Proper assistance and availability of transportation for handicapped students.
4. Availability for field trips designed to enrich the instructional program.

All transportation of students to and from school, on field trips, or other group activities under the control of the District, shall be in school buses or SPAB (School Pupil Activity Bus) which meet the definitional requirements stated in Education Code 39830 and which are also in compliance with inspection requirements specified in the Vehicle Code and administered by the California Highway Patrol.

Transportation for Students With Disabilities (AR 3541.2 and AR 3541)

The Superintendent's designee shall arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of time of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

The Superintendent's designee shall ensure compatibility between mobile seating devices and bus securement systems.

When authorizing special transportation for students with disabilities, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team or Section 504 committee shall consider all of the following:

1. The student's safety and health needs
2. The extent to which transportation arrangements may help the student develop independent mobility skills
3. The student's difficulty in using regular transportation services
4. The coordination of regular and special transportation

Disabled students who do not meet any of the above criteria may use regular home-to-school transportation.

The District shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individual education programs (Education Code 41850, 20 USC 1400-1491, 34 CFR 104.4).



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Transportation for Students Experiencing Homelessness (AR 3541)

The District shall provide homeless students with transportation services comparable to those offered to other students at the school of attendance (42USC 11432).

We work with OCTA in two ways. First, for a number of years, we have purchased bus passes for our homeless/foster students and parents to use when needed/requested. The monthly bus passes for MKV families are purchased on their website link.

Secondly, OCTA now has a Youth Ride Free Program. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Youth Ride Free Program has been extended and provides Orange County youths ages 6 to 18 with a free transit option to use OC Bus service for travel, school, or fun. OCTA is providing a quantity of new Youth Ride Free passes to FSD schools. Please note the Parental Form needs to be completed by parent/legal guardian and can be discarded at the end of the school year. The new passes are good for the entire school year until September 30, 2023.

All students are required to be identified, including their designated school bus stop. Possession of a current bus pass will entitle a student to ride to and/or from school to their bus stop. The bus pass must be presented when students board the school bus on the first day of school and every day thereafter. Round-trip bus transportation from a designated bus stop to the Special Education Program will be provided to Special Education students if transportation is indicated in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Transportation for Students Living Within the Board-established Walking Distances

Children living within the Board-established walking distances (1.25 miles for grades K-6; 2.0 miles for grades 7-8) may ride the school bus if:

1. The child can get to an established bus stop safely
2. There is room on the school bus; however, your student's bus privileges may be revoked to make room for a rider that lives outside the walking distance
3. The full-fare, round-trip rate for transportation is paid

Please note that school bus riders who live within the Board-established walking distances are not eligible for free or reduced transportation.



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Current School Bus and Alternative Transportation Services Offered

Figure 1 below provides details of Fullerton School District services provided on school bus routes.

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Routes	6	21	27
Students Transported (Daily)	266	184	450
TK-6 Students Transported	154 58%	158 86%	312 69%
Unduplicated Students Transported	176 66%	112 61%	288 64%
As of 02/26/2024	General Education	Special Education	Total
Bus Passes Sold	90 34%	0	90 20%
Free Bus Passes Issued	176 66%	184 100%	360 80%
Reduced Bus Passes (No Longer Issued)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miles Traveled	14,054	69,557	83,611

Figure 1: School Bus Transportation



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Figure 2 below provides the number of Fullerton School District students using alternative transportation services at no cost to students.

	McKinney-Vento/ Foster Youth	Special Education	Total
Augmented Transportation (HopSkipDrive)	2	2	4
Municipal Transportation Service	45 (OC Transit)	0	45
Rideshare Services	0	0	0

Figure 2: Alternative Transportation



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Transportation Funding and Finance

Figure 3 below contains the projected reimbursement based on the previous year's transportation expenses

Revenue Calculation	Amount
Total 2022-23 Transportation Expense (Function 3600)	\$2,998,392
Less Capital Outlay (Object 6XXX, Function 3600)	\$92,324
Less Non Agency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	\$0
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$1,743,641
Less 2021-22 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	\$1,023,629
Total Revenue 2023-24 (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	\$720,012
Budgeted Expenditures and Other Financing Uses 2022-24	
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	\$1,803,942
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	\$992,819
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	\$397,102
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	\$-185,034
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	\$25,000
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	\$0
Total Budgeted Expenditures 2023-24	\$3,008,829
Deficit Spending	-\$1,265,188

Figure 3: Transportation Funding Reimbursement Calculation



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Required Stakeholder Consultations

In compliance with the mandate, Figure 4 lists that stakeholders invited to collaborate on the development of the Fullerton School District Transportation Plan

Stakeholder Entities	Date
Classified Staff	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
Certificated Staff	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
School Administrators/Management	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
Confidential Staff	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
Students	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
Parents/Guardians	February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024
South Coast Air Quality Management District	February 22, 2023 (required every 5 years)
California Air Resource Board	March 6, 2023 (required every 5 years)
Orange County Transit Authority	March 6, 2023 (required every 5 years)

Board Approval Date: March 12, 2024 (must be approved on or before April 1, 2023)

The Transportation Plan and revenue calculations were developed in accordance with Education Code Sections 39800.1 and 41850.1



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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(909) 396-2000 • www.aqmd.gov

February 16, 2024

Dean West
Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Orange County Department of Education

Dear Mr. West:

South Coast AQMD staff has received your request for consultation on your school district transportation plan, as required under Education Code 39800.1 (b). This letter provides information that school districts can utilize to address air quality issues that may arise during your planning process. There are two broad areas discussed below, potentially applicable requirements for school districts, and available incentive funding.¹ We appreciate your reaching out to consult with us in this important effort. Contact information for each applicable program is provided below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Choe".

Brian Choe
Program Supervisor, Fleet Rules
Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation
South Coast AQMD

Potentially applicable rules:

South Coast AQMD Rule 1195

This rule² applies to both public and private³ school bus fleets with 15 or more school buses operating within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. For the purposes of Rule 1195, school

¹ In addition to the regulations and incentives discussed here, existing South Coast AQMD guidance specific to school sites is available here:

www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/planning/air-quality-guidance/school_guidance.pdf.

For questions about this guidance document, please contact Sam Wang at swang1@aqmd.gov.

² Available here: www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1195.pdf

³ Only for private fleets that are under contract with state or local public entities

See: www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Regulations/Fleet-Rules/fleetruleadvisory-july202005.pdf

buses can be classified as either Type A, B, C, or D, which range from medium-duty 10-passenger vans to heavy-duty vehicles that are capable of transporting 72 or more passengers (please refer to Rule 1195 for definitions of school bus types). Rule 1195 requires affected school bus fleet operators to purchase:

- Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) standard or cleaner non-diesel powered school buses for newly manufactured medium-duty Type A or B school buses (for pre-owned, Low Emission Vehicle standard school buses are also allowed); or
- Alternative-fueled school buses, including natural gas, propane, battery electric, and fuel cell school buses, for newly manufactured heavy-duty Type B, C or D school buses (for pre-owned, repowered school buses with an alternative-fueled engine are also allowed).

Rule 1195 also provides limited exemptions upon approval by South Coast AQMD⁴. For more information about Rule 1195, please contact fleet rules staff at fleetrules@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3044.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Air Toxics Control Measure on School Bus Idling

This regulation⁵ limits school bus idling and idling at or near schools to only when necessary for safety or operational concerns. It has been in effect since July 16, 2003. The program targets school buses, school pupil activity buses, youth buses, paratransit vehicles, transit buses, and heavy-duty commercial motor vehicles that operate at or near schools. More information about this regulation is available here: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/school-bus-idling-and-idling-schools>

CARB Truck and Bus Regulation

The Truck and Bus regulation⁶, which has been in effect since December 2008, requires all diesel-fueled school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) over 14,000 pounds be equipped with a Level 3 PM filter, or an original equipment manufactured PM filter that most commonly comes installed on 2007 model year and newer engines. A fact sheet applicable to school bus requirements subject to this rule is available here:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-11/SchoolBusFactSheet.pdf>.

CARB Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance (HD I/M) Regulation

This regulation is a new program that started in January 2023 to ensure high polluting heavy-duty vehicles with maintenance issues operating in California are quickly identified and repaired. Non-gasoline heavy-duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) over 14,000 pounds, including school buses, are subject to the regulation which requires heavy-duty vehicles to undergo periodic emissions testing to reduce particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions, and to protect communities most impacted by air pollution. For information on

⁴ Fleet operators need to submit an Exemption Request with appropriate documentation to South Coast AQMD for approval: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Regulations/Fleet-Rules/r1195exemptionform.pdf>

⁵ Available at 13 CCR § 2480:

<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I9F7694335A1E11EC8227000D3A7C4BC3>

⁶ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/truck-and-bus-regulation>

how to comply with the regulation, please go to the Clean Truck Check HD I/M regulation home page: [Clean Truck Check \(HD I/M\) | California Air Resources Board](#).

Potentially Available Funding

South Coast AQMD Lower-Emission School Bus Program

Since 2001, South Coast AQMD has implemented the Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) and replaced over 1,800 high-polluting diesel school buses with alternative fuel or zero-emission buses. South Coast AQMD provides funding for public school districts and joint power authorities to replace Type A, C or D school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 lbs. The LESBP has provided clean, safe transportation for school children and reduced their exposure to criteria pollutants and toxic diesel particulate matter emissions. South Coast AQMD anticipates funding for the LESBP to continue in Fall/Winter 2024. For additional information, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov/schoolbus or email us at schoolbusprogram@aqmd.gov.

Federal Clean School Bus Program

U.S. EPA is providing funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through its new Clean School Bus Program. This program will provide \$5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. EPA solicited rebate applications for \$500 million through the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates for zero-emission and low-emission school bus rebates as the first funding opportunity, and subsequent funding opportunities are expected in the future. More information is available here: www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.

Additional Funding Programs

Other funding programs may also be available for school districts to use for their transportation programs. You can find more information at the links below

South Coast AQMD: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/technology/implementation>

CARB: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/topics/incentives>

California Energy Commission: <https://calevip.org/>, <https://www.energiize.org/>