

TRANSPORTATION

The Governing Board desires to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance and reduce tardiness. In determining the extent to which the district provides for transportation services, the Board shall weigh student and community needs against the cost of providing such services.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board ~~the most~~ economical, environmentally sustainable, and appropriate means of providing transportation services. The district's transportation services may be provided by means of a joint powers agreement, a cooperative student transportation program, or a consortium, as permitted by law.

No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student pursuant to Education Code 35350 or the evacuation of students as necessary for their safety.

Transportation Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation plan in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders. (Education Code 39800.1)

The transportation plan shall be presented to and adopted by the Board at an open meeting, with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment, and shall be updated annually by April 1. (Education Code 39800.1)

The transportation plan shall include descriptions of the following: (Education Code 39800.1)

1. The transportation services offered to students
2. How transportation services will be prioritized for low-income students, students in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive
3. The transportation services accessible to students with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11301)
4. How unduplicated students, as defined in Education Code 42238.02, will be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost

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Transportation Contracts

The Board may purchase, rent, or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the district shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802-39803)

Expenses and Fees

In lieu of providing transportation in whole or in part, the district may pay the student's parents/guardians either their actual and necessary expenses in transporting the student or the cost of the student's food and lodging at a place convenient to the school. In either case, the amount of the payment shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the district to provide for the transportation of the student to and from school. (Education Code 39806-39807)

The Board may charge a transportation fee to parents/guardians of transported students in accordance with Education Code 39807.5 and BP/AR 3250 - Transportation Fees.

Safety and Monitoring

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

The district may install a global positioning system (GPS) on school buses and/or student activity buses in order to enhance student safety and provide real-time location data to district and school administrators, and parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the qualifications of bus drivers and related staff employed by the district, provide for the maintenance and operation of district-owned school buses and other equipment, and ensure adequate facilities for equipment storage and maintenance.

State

13 CCR2025: Retrofitting of diesel school buses

5 CR 14100-14103: Use of school buses and school pupil activity buses

5 CCR 15240-15343: Allowances for student transportation

5 CCR 15253-15272: District records related to transportation

Ed. Code 35330: Excursions and field trips: student fees

Ed. Code 35350: Authority to transport pupils

Ed. Code 39800: Powers of governing board to provide transportation for pupils to and from school

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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Ed. Code 39800-39860: Transportation

Ed. Code 39801: Contract with County Superintendent of Schools to provide transportation

Ed. Code 39802-39803: Bids and contracts for transportation services

Ed. Code 39806: Payments to parents in lieu of transportation

Ed. Code 39807: Food and lodging payments in lieu of transportation

Ed. Code 39807.5: Payment of transportation costs by parents

Ed. Code 39808: Transportation for private school students

Ed. Code 41850-41854: Allowances for transportation

Ed. Code 41860-41862: Supplemental allowances for transportation

Ed. Code 42238.02: Local Control Funding Formula

Ed. Code 45125.1: Criminal records summary; employees of contracting entity

Ed. Code 52311: Regional occupational centers, transportation

Gov. Code 3540-3549.3: Educational Employment Relations Act

Pen. Code 637.7: Electronic tracking devices

Veh. Code 2807: School bus inspection

Management Resources

Court Decision: Arcadia Unified School District et. al. v. State Department of Education, 2 Cal. 4th 251

Website: CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website: California Air Resources Board

Website: California Energy Commission

Website: CSBA

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