

TRANSPORTATION FEES / HOME-TO-SCHOOL

1. DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT'S MAXIMUM FEE

As specified in Education Code 39807.5, the amount of the actual fee determined by the local governing board shall be no greater than the statewide average non-subsidized cost of providing this transportation to a pupil on a publicly owned or operated transit system as determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation. "Non-subsidized cost" means actual operating costs less federal subventions.

The District's maximum fee will be computed according to the formula supplied by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This formula will produce the District's average cost per day per pupil and is the maximum amount that may be charged to a parent or guardian.

2. DETERMINATION OF THE ACTUAL CHARGE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN

The total amount received by the District from combined state aid for transportation and parent fees shall not exceed the actual cost of home to school transportation. The District will determine the amount of local funds expended per pupil per day, based on prior year data.

Except for those parents or guardians exempted in the policy, each parent or guardian of a pupil transported shall be charged according to the following schedule:

	<u>Annual Pass</u>	<u>Semester Pass</u>
Middle Schools	\$700.00	\$350.00
High Schools	\$700.00	\$350.00

No money will be collected on the bus. Passes may be sold at the District's office or other locations designated by the Superintendent.

A duplicate of the student identification card photo will be placed in the bus manifest system. Parents/Guardians may designate daytime contact information on the bus pass application form. This information will also be added to the bus manifest system. Drivers will carry copies of the manifest on the bus for the students they are transporting. The manifest will serve in lieu of bus passes.

3. DETERMINATION THAT PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS "INDIGENT"

Eligibility for free transportation shall be based on the income eligibility scales used for the free and reduced-price lunch program. At the beginning of the school year and whenever a new student is enrolled, parents/guardians shall receive information about free transportation eligibility standards, application procedures and appeal procedures.

All applications and records related to eligibility for free transportation shall be confidential and open only for purposes directly connected with the free transportation program.

Students receiving free transportation shall not be identified by the use of special passes, tickets, lines, seats or any other means. They shall in no way be treated differently from other students, nor shall their names be published, posted or announced in any manner or used for any purpose other than the transportation program.

4. ATTENDANCE AREAS

Pupils who are bus riders in the attendance area of one school but live within walking distance of another school may elect to attend the closer school as long as room is available in that school.

5. DISCIPLINE

The same rules governing conduct and behavior on the bus, as are now in effect, will be continued. Students with repeated misbehavior may be denied the privilege of riding.

6. BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Bus routes and stops will not be changed solely for the convenience of riders or to increase ridership. The same basis currently in effect for selecting routes and stops will be continued.

7. FAMILIES PURCHASING MULTIPLE BUS PASSES

Families with more than one student attending any school in the district who purchase more than one bus pass per school term shall be entitled to a twenty percent (20%) discount on the second and any subsequent passes purchased during the same school term. The first pass purchased shall be charged at the full rate. Discounts apply only to dependents living in the same household.