

LAKESIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governing Board Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

Agenda Item:

Home to School Transportation Services Plan

Background (Describe purpose/rationale of the agenda item):

Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by AB 181 and amended by AB 185. It provides reimbursement funding for school districts based on prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year LCFF transportation related add-on funding.

As a requirement of receiving the reimbursement funding, a local education agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will provide and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in TK-6 and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by LEA's governing board by April 1, 2023 and updated by April 1 each year thereafter. The plan does not need to be submitted to the CDE, however the plan adoption will be part of the LEA's annual audit.

Fiscal Impact (Cost):

TBD

Funding Source:

LCFF

Recommended Action:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Informational | <input type="checkbox"/> Denial/Rejection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval | <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation: Click here to enter text. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | |

Originating Department/School: Transportation

Submitted/Recommended By:

Approved for Submission to the Governing Board:



Principal/Department Head Signature



Dr. Rhonda Taylor, Superintendent

Reviewed by Cabinet Member

Approved by the Governing Board

3/9/23

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PLAN PURSUANT TO AB 181

January 2023

E.C. 39800.1(a)

As a condition of receiving apportionments..., a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will provide to its pupils.

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.

Consultation

The plan shall be developed in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other stakeholders.

Governing Board Approval

The plan shall be presented and adopted by the Governing Board in an open meeting on or before April 1, 2023.

LUSD HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PLAN PURSUANT TO AB 181

Section 1: LUSD transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth.

Per Board Policy 3540, 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. The extent to which the District provides for transportation services shall depend upon student and community needs and assessment of financial resources.

Per Board Policy 3541, Routes and Bus Stops

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 shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K-3: three-fourths mile

Grades 4-5: one mile

Grades 6-8: one and one half miles

Per Board Policy 3541.2, The Governing Board desires to meet the transportation needs of students with disabilities to enable them to benefit from special education and related services. The district shall provide appropriate transportation services for a student with disabilities when the district is the student's district of residence and the transportation services are required by his/her individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

Per Administrative Regulation 3541, the District shall provide homeless children with transportation services comparable to those offered to other students at the school of attendance.

In the event that demand for student transportation services exceeds the District's capacity, the District will prioritize services for low income and homeless children and students with disabilities.

Also, all students ages 18 and under are able to access Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) services for free under the Youth Opportunity Pass Program available directly through MTS through June 30, 2023.

Section 2: How unduplicated pupils would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.

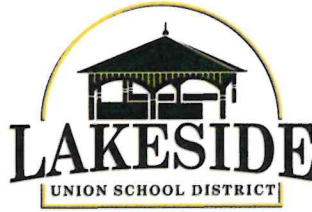
The District records, reports, and certifies its unduplicated pupils in CALPADS each year which is summarized and certified on Report # 1.17 – FRPM/English Learner/Foster Youth – Count. This duty is carried out by the District's Education Services Department. As such, the Education Services Department has a record of each individual student reported. This report reflects data as of October 1 of each year.

The Education Services Department will establish a means for the Transportation Department to access the relevant CALPADS data on an ongoing basis to ensure that no students who are identified as an unduplicated pupil will be charged a fee for transportation services.

In the event that a transportation fee is inadvertently charged to a qualifying unduplicated pupil and subsequently determined to be an error through review of records, a full reimbursement of the fee will be made. This condition may occur prior to or in the early part of each school year as bus passes are being issued for new students and before all data collection is complete and certified for CALPADS Report #1.17.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

At the regular board meeting of March 9, 2023, the Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing to receive input on the Home-to-School Transportation Services Plan. The plan provides reimbursement funding for school districts based on prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year LCFF transportation related add-on funding. The plan shall be adopted by the Governing Board by April 1 of each year.

March 1, 2023

Rhonda L. Taylor, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board