

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PLAN FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

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MANDATE

California Education Code Section 39800.1 states:

- (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.
- (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.

OVERVIEW

The River Delta Unified School District Transportation Services Plan incorporates existing Board Policies governing pupil transportation support services, as well as augmented descriptions of available services for the current school year. The plan describes:

- A) transportation services offered to pupils.
- B) 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.
- C) transportation services accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth
- D) how unduplicated pupils, will be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no-cost to the pupils.

Pupil Transportation Operations Board Authorization

Transportation services shall be provided for students of the district according to policies adopted by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with Titles V, VIII, and XIII of the California Administrative Code, the Vehicle Code, and the Education Code.

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. (BP- Regulation 3542)

To provide transportation services, the Governing 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. (BP- Regulation 3540)

Pupil Data and Route Management Procedures

The Transportation Department will obtain student data updates and their home addresses from AERIES. The Transportation Department shall assign students to buses and bus stops and notify parents/guardians based upon current student transportation eligibility criteria.

School bus route information shall be maintained for all student's home-to-school bus runs. Each route shall show the pick-up and drop-off locations, and the expected time of departure from each location.

The criteria for bus route design are to provide a safe route to and from school, minimize miles driven, allow adequate time for schedules to be met, and to effectively utilize staff and equipment resources.

The Transportation Department shall adjust and modify routes and schedules as appropriate to maintain an optimum level of transportation services. A complete file of all current bus schedules shall be maintained in the Transportation Department. The Transportation Department shall furnish each school with the current bus schedules.

Scope of Pupil Transportation Services Offered

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

Transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

- Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day
- Field trips and excursions
- School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students
- District employees and parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district
- Preschool students

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (BP-3541.2)

Transportation Service Priorities

Transportation for Students with Disabilities

1) The Board of Trustees 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. The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (BP-3541.2)

2) Homeless youth

3) Unduplicated pupils including:

- Foster Youth
- Migrant
- Low Income

4) TK-6 students

Transportation Department priorities are subject to change based upon current transportation staffing levels and the needs of the district to provide legally mandated transportation.

2023-2024 School Bus and Alternative Transportation Services Offered

Figure 1 below provides details of River Delta Unified School District services provided on school bus and van routes. Figures are approximate.

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Routes	4	4	7
Students Transported	385	21	406
TK-6 Students Transported	69	9	78
Miles Traveled	52,000/annually	42,800/annually	100,800/annually

Figure 1: School Bus Transportation (2022-2023)

Transportation Funding and Finance

Figure 5 below contains the projected reimbursement for the current school year based on transportation expenses in the 2022-2023 school year.

Revenue Calculation	
Total 2022-23 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$877,244.22
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	\$70,646.71
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	0
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$526,346.53
Less 2022-23 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	\$601,030
Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000) (contribution)	\$877,244.22
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	\$363,028.46
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	\$180,651.41
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	\$128,134.33
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	\$134,783.31
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	\$70,646.71
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	

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