



Home-to-School (HTS)

El Monte Union High School
District
FY 2022/23

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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Transportation Services
Summary

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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.

INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

In 2013-14, with enactment of the Local Control Funding Formula (“LCFF”), State funding for Home to School (“HTS”) Transportation was established at a fixed amount, in perpetuity, based on the amount of funding each school district received in 2012-13 for both General Education and Special Education transportation. This was accomplished by providing an “add-on” (“Transportation Add-On) to the resulting LCFF funding AFTER all other factors, including COLA, were applied to the formula. Consequently, the Transportation Add-On remains fixed with the amount for El Monte Union HSD permanently set at \$224,991.

Prior to 2013-14, the amount of funding provided by the State for Home to School Transportation was insufficient to cover the actual costs. Consequently, most school districts were forced to contribute other unrestricted general fund dollars to the program (“District Contribution to HTS Transportation”).

Because the Transportation Add-On did not increase each year, the District Contribution to HTS Transportation grew over time as costs escalated. For 2021-22, El Monte Union HSD costs for both General Education and Special Education transportation were \$2,139,321 producing a District Contribution to HTS Transportation from the unrestricted general fund equal to \$1,914,330.

Due to advocacy efforts by several state-wide organizations representing school district Governing Boards and Administrators, for the first time in more than 10 years, the 2022-23 enacted State Budget included additional funding for HTS Transportation of \$637 million. The funding now allows school districts to receive the greater of the current Transportation Add-On augmented for COLA or 60% of reported transportation costs. This will allow El Monte Union High School to receive additional funding of approximately \$1,283,592 per year.

CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The District currently owns a total of 32 school busses: 14 large busses (54 or more passengers) and 18 small busses (25 or less passengers). In addition, the District owns eleven 7 or less passenger vans and four 9 or less passenger SUVs.

These vehicles traveled a total of 110,749 miles in the 2021-2022 school year. The District currently operates a total of 17 routes; 5 for General Education students and 12 for Special Education students serviced by a total of 9 school bus drivers, 1 to 3 van drivers, and 4 bus attendants.

General Education routes consist of 2 routes to serve homeless / foster students and 3 routes to serve CTE and other after school programs. Special Education routes serve the following schools: SEMHS, MVHS, AHS, RHS, GRANADA Adult Ed Center, CDS and LEDESMA HS.

In addition, the District provides transportation for students attending Outside-of-District High Schools (SELPA Program) and Non-Public Schools (NPS) under contract with those entities (“Outside Entities”). These Schools are: Beach Cities, Temple City HS, Alhambra HS, Villa Esperanza, Stone Ridge, Canyon View.

The District provides reimbursement to parents monthly who opt to transport their own child(ren) receiving Special Education services to and from school. The District provides vouchers for approximately 46 Special Education students. These parents / Guardians receive vouchers per roundtrip as approved by the District’s Board.

District’s home-to-school services are available for students who are categorized as Homeless or Foster. On average 3 to 5 students use these services.

The District is a member of MERGE JPA and uses MERGE contracts with Durham School Transportation, EverDriven (Formally ATC) and JFK School Transportation to provide services for Special Education students and field trips as needed. On average a total of 97 Special Students are transported by these contracted services.

Starting School Year FY 2022/23 the District provides public transportation passes for all students at no cost to the students. The District purchases these public transportation passes through a program provided by MTA and Foothill Transit.

Finally, the District, on average, transports over 80,000 students on approximately 1850 field trips each year. Some field trips consist of multiple buses.

Transportation for Special Education students is provided for those receiving services at a school other than their school of residence or because of the severity of their disability, as specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). These students are currently transported to SEMHS, MVHS, AHS, RHS, GRANADA Adult Ed Center, CDS and LEDESMA HS and outside public and non-public schools including Beach Cities, Temple City HS, Alhambra HS, Villa Esperanza, Stone Ridge, Canyon View.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, HOMELESS AND FOSTER

Youth Students with disabilities will continue to be provided transportation services, when specified in their IEP, in accordance with the current process. This process involves determining whether a student requires transportation, either because of the severity of their disability or because they must attend a school other than their school of residence to receive the services they need, and then what level of service they require, either door-to-door or curb-to-curb. Door-to-door is the default level of service in which pickup and drop-off is provided at the student's school of residence or other centralized location determined by the District. Curb-to-curb service, whereby the student is picked up and dropped off at the safest location closest to their home, is only provided for students with severe physical disabilities or delay in social, emotional, or cognitive development such that they cannot independently navigate even the minimal distances required for curb-to-curb transportation. Parents of students qualifying for door-to-door or curb-to-curb service can opt to receive reimbursement for all miles driven in lieu of taking District provided transportation, at a daily roundtrip rate that is approved by the District Board to transport their student to and from their school of attendance in their personal vehicle. Students designated as homeless / Foster are identified, monitored, and serviced by the Education Services department. Education Services will work with the family to ensure homeless / Foster students are transported to and from school. This can be accomplished by providing a free bus pass for the students to use the public bus system or by working with the Transportation Department to provide District transportation on existing bus routes. Free Transportation for Unduplicated Pupils Students receiving either General Education or Special Education transportation service, including Unduplicated Pupils -- defined as students who are low socio-economic, English learners, or foster youth - will receive District transportation service at no charge.

FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR UNDUPLICATED STUDENTS

Students receiving either General Education or Special Education transportation service, including Unduplicated Pupils -- defined as students who are low socio-economic, English learners, or foster youth - will receive District transportation service at no charge.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

In accordance with Education Code 39800.1, the District sought input from the following stakeholder groups:

Stakeholders Group	Method	Date
Students	On-line Survey – Completed	February 20, 2023
	Meeting - Students Council Representatives from every school	February 27, 2023
Certificated –Teachers Teachers Union	On-line Survey – Completed	February 20, 2023
	Meeting with CTA President	March 9, 2023
Classified Classified Union	On-line Survey – Completed	February 20, 2023
	Meeting with Union Leadership	February 27, 2023
Administrators	On-line Survey – Completed	February 20, 2023
	All Admin Meeting	February 27, 2023
Parents	On-line Survey – Completed	February 20, 2023
Regional Local Transportation Authorities	Meeting with MTA, Foothill Transit and other local providers Emails	February 28, 2023 MTA provided data and feedback
Local Air Management District	Meeting with CARB (California Air Resources Board)	February 28, 2023 CARB provided feedback
Other Stakeholders	Meeting with LCAP Committee (Parents, students, teachers, administrators, unions, other community leaders)	February 9, 2023
Other	On-line Survey & Community Meetings Schools Mobility & Active Transportation Plan	Winter – Spring 2021

Copies of the on-line survey are included as attachment

Copy of the Executive Summary of the Schools Mobility & Active Transportation Plan is included as attachment

PLAN: ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR FY 2023/24 TO CONSIDER

- Continue to provide public transportation passes to students at no cost to the students
- Work with Local Public Transportation providers to establish bus stops near district schools
- Provide home-to-school transportation to students who live across the 60 freeway and attend South El Monte High School
- Provide home-to-school transportation for students who live outside of a 3 miles radius of Fernando Ledesma High School and attend the school.
- Complete transition of District bus fleet to Electric and CNG Buses. Complete the building of the infrastructure of electric charging stations
- Provide 90% of the transportation services in-house
 - Increase in-house transportation drivers by 8 to 10 drivers
 - Increase the number of bus mechanics from 2 to 3 mechanics
 - Upgrade scheduling transportation software

Revenue Calculation	Total
Total 2021-22 Transportation Expenses (Function 36000)	2,139,320.50
Less: Capital Outlay (object 6xxx, Function 3600)	0.00
Less: Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	0.00
Estimated 60% reimbursement	1,283,592.30
Less: 2021-22 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	224,991.00
Total Revenue (object 8590 , Resource 00000.0)	1,058,601.30

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses for 2021/22	
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	1,018,865.76
3000-3999 Classified Benefits	450,727.90
4000-4999 Books and Supplies	190,391.80
5000-5999 Services and Other Operating Expenditures	479,335.04
6000-6999 Capital Outlay	0.00
7000-7999 Other Outgo	0.00
Total Expenditures	2,139,320.50

CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INFORMATION

2022-2023

EMUHSD Current number of routes – 17

Total number of special ed students – 245

Transported by EMUHSD - 102

Transported by Contractor (Durham, JFK, EverDriven) – 97

Transported by Parents * Self Transport (Voucher) - 46

EMUHSD NUMBER OF ROUTES - 17

Special Ed. - 12 (SEM, MV, AHS, RSMD, GRANADA, CDS, LEDESMA)

Foster - 2 (MV, RSMD) *7 Foster students / Other on the 2 routes*

Regular Ed. - 59 (CTE-After School Program)

MERGE

Outside Entities – NPS & SELPA Programs

Beach Cities, Temple City HS, Alhambra HS, Villa Esperanza, Stone Ridge, Canyon View.

EMUHSD ROUTE DRIVERS – 10

School bus drivers – 9

Van driver – 1

Bus attendant/Aid – 4

EMUHSD SCHOOL BUSES – 32

Large buses - 14

Small buses – 18

EMUHSD PASS VAN/SUV - 15

7 Pass Vans – 11

9 Pass SUV's – 4

FIELD TRIPS (Extra-curricular/ Athletics)

Approximate 1,850 Field trips per year

Approximate 80,000 students transported per year (Many of the field trips consist of multiple buses.)

2020-2021

Total number of miles traveled by District Vehicles – 110,749

Small buses – 18

Total miles – 68,481

Large buses – 14

Total miles – 42,268

Number of routes - 18

Number of drivers – 12

Total number of miles driven by parents who received vouchers is not available

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Routes (Provided by In-House Transportation)	5	12	17
Routes (Provided by Contractors)	0	15	15
Parents Transporting Students (Vouchers)	0	46	46
Students Transported - Estimated	59	246	305
Field Trips (Average Annual)	NA	NA	1850
Field Trips (Annual Ridership - Average)	80000 (Daily Round Trips)	NA	80,000
TK-6 Students Transported (District is a high school district)	0	0	0
Unduplicated Students Transported (Estimated)	53*	217	272
Percentage of Total District Unduplicated Students Transported	89%*	88.2%	89%
Miles Traveled (By District In-House Transportation)	NA	NA	110,749
Miles Traveled (By Contracted Services) based on 204 days of Regular and summer school year	NA	62,730	62,730

* Unduplicated Students Percentage for the District is 89%

* District did not maintain data of unduplicated percentage of students transported

Boarding by School (for all Public Transit Agencies (from 8/1/2022 to 1/31/2023))

Total	23695
Arroyo High (El Monte Union High)	3211
El Monte High (El Monte Union High)	2319
El Monte/Rosemead Adult (El Monte Union High)	348
Fernando R. Ledesma Continuation High (El Monte Union High)	4708
Mountain View High (El Monte Union High)	560
Rosemead High (El Monte Union High)	10270
South El Monte High (El Monte Union High)	2279

GoPass (Free) Registrations / Passes Used by School (from 8/1/2022 to 1/31/2022)

Total	1131
Arroyo High (El Monte Union High)	197
El Monte High (El Monte Union High)	154
El Monte/Rosemead Adult (El Monte Union High)	21
Fernando R. Ledesma Continuation High (El Monte Union High)	105
Mountain View High (El Monte Union High)	58
Rosemead High (El Monte Union High)	481
South El Monte High (El Monte Union High)	115