Washington Unified School District

Transportation Services Plan
2026-2027 - 2027-2028 - 2028-2029

Per Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1, as a condition of receiving apportionments for Transportation Services (under EC Section 41850.1), a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services. The plan shall be presented and adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency on or before APRIL 1, 2026 in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment. 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. Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

1.Enter description of transportation services offered to pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 - 6 inclusive and pupils who are low income. Plan may provide for the LEA to partner with municipally owned transit system to provide services to middle and high school students. An LEA may provide no-cost transit passes to students.

Description: Washington Unified contracts with Souhtwest Transportation Agency to bus students to and from school. The district utilizes 14 buses that are driven by Southwest drivers. There are 16 am routes and 19 pm routes. Additionally, Southwest provides 5 after school (late) bus routes. Bus transportation for Washington Unified students totals 447 miles each morning and 614 miles each afternoon. There are 568 bus stops within our boundaries. We have 1662 students that are signed up for bus transportation. There is an average of 836 actual riders. Transportation for students that are in TK-6th grade, or low income, are prioritized for bus transportation at the time of registration. The parents are asked about their need for transportation services. Assistance is provided with any documents that need to be filled out and then information on bus route is given to the parent. Translation services are provided for parents that do not speak English. The school site secretarial staff and/or support staff act as a liaison between the family and Southwest Transportation to make sure that the transport is smooth, safe and secure. In some instances, bus tokens are provided to middle or high school students to ride the city bus to/from school. We will continue these types of transportation support and process during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

2. Enter description of LEA's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.

Description: Parents of students with disabilities and homeless children and youth are able to enroll their student in bus transportation. All students qualify for bus transportation and all students are able to ride if parent requests and fills out the appropriate paperwork. For students that cannot ride the bus due to their disability, Washington Unified utilizes vans to transport students with disabilities if transportation is written into their IEP. Washington Unified employs staff that are qualified to drive/transport students, including students with disabilities. In addition, there is are staff that are back-up drivers and can step in to drive if needed. In some instances, bus tokens are provided to middle or high school students to ride the city bus to/from school. On a case by case basis the district will work with parents of homeless children and pupils with disabilities to arrange and ensure safe home to school transportation. We will continue to provide these types of transportation during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

3. Enter description of how unduplicated pupils would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.

Description: Upon registering, all parents may request district bus transportation for their child. A student that needs van transportation and has it written into their IEP, would be enrolled in van transportation with our district. The school office would discuss pick up and drop off details with the parent and child upon enrollment. For unduplicated students (homeless) and at parent's request, bus tokens from Fresno Area Express are utilized to assist the family in school transportation. Bus tokens are only used for middle school and high school students. We will continue to provide these types of transportation during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

4. Your plan must 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. Enter description of your plan consultation with those parties.

Description: The Transportation Service Plan was discussed at the LCAP Educational Partner Meetings beginning in January 2023. The LCAP Educational Partner Meetings would include meetings with classified, certificated, and management staff as well as parents. Feedback was taken from the participants in attendance at the meetings. Fresno Area Express and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District were contacted on February 2, 2023 and invited to submit feedback regarding our Transportation Service Plan. On February 17 feedback was recieved from the San Joaquin Valley Air Polution Control District focusing on coordinated efforts and zero emmission school bus replacement and infrastucture.

Transportation Services Allowance Calculations

A. Total 2024-25 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	$	1,795,245.00
B. Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	$	-
C. Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	$	-
D. Estimated 60% Reimbursement	$	1,077,147.00
E. Less 2024-25 Transportation Add-on from LCFF (if >0, the Transportation Allowance shall be zero):	$	706,282.00
Total Transportation Allowance (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	**$**	**370,865.00**

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2000-2999: Classified Salaries	$	39,956.05
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	$	17,850.18
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	$	7,145.36
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	$	1,719,296.71
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	$	-
7000-7999: Other Outgo	$	-
Total Expenditures	**$**	**1,784,248.30**

LEA Board Approval Date (must be on or before April 1): March 11, 2026

Resources:

California Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=39800.1.&lawCode=EDC

California Education Code (EC) Section 41850.1:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=41850.1.&lawCode=EDC

Home-to-School Transportation Reimbursement FAQs:

https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/tr/#TransportationServicePlan