

**Delano Union School District**  
**Transportation Plan**  
**2022-23**  
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**Background:**

The 2022-2023 enacted State Budget provided \$637 billion in funding for Home to School Transportation Services. The additional on-going funding allows school districts to receive 60 percent reimbursement of their transportation costs, plus ongoing cost of living adjustments (COLA). In order to receive the reimbursement, LEAs must develop a plan for how they will provide transportation services to their students, prioritizing low-income and those in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Transportation Services**

The Delano Union School District 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 and promote regular attendance.

The District has a fleet of 19 buses and 5 passenger vans available for transportation services. We currently have 20 available bus drivers with two additional employees in training. For the 2022-2023 school year, the District provides home-to-school transportation services for 399 students. There are currently 13 routes that provide services for 182 General Education students and 217 Special Education students.

Additionally, the District contracts with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools to provide transportation services for students with disabilities that are attending county schools. There are currently 37 students that receive transportation services to schools outside of the District.

**Students with Disabilities and Homeless Youth**

The District will continue to provide transportation services to students with disabilities, when specified in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). The specific needs of the student shall be the primary consideration when an IEP team is determining the student's transportation needs. Considerations may include, but are not limited to, the student's health needs, travel distances, physical accessibility and the safety of streets and sidewalks. Transportation services specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan shall be provided at no cost. These services may include curb-to-curb service, where a student is picked up and dropped off at the safest location closest to their home, or shuttle transportation services if the student is attending a school outside of their school of residence. For shuttle services, students are picked up and dropped at a centralized location determined by the District.

Students designated as homeless are identified and monitored by the Homeless Liaison. The Homeless Liaison will work with the Transportation Department to ensure that homeless students are transported to and from school. The mode of transportation is based on the best interest of the student and in consultation with the parent/guardian (district transportation, bus passes, etc.). When a student attends their school of origin and resides outside of district boundaries, the District will consult with the district of residence to coordinate transportation services. Transportation services to homeless students shall be provided at no cost to the pupil.

**Priority for TK-6 and Low Income Students**

The District will prioritize transportation of General Education students in grades TK-6 and low income students by doing the following:

1. Provide transportation to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop, and the school is beyond three-fourths mile for grades TK-3 and one mile for grades 4-8. The Governing Board may authorize transportation services below these limits when safety concerns or hazards exist.

2. Establish bus stops at designated locations using criteria established by the California Highway Patrol and consistent with distance minimums above.
  
3. Determine the maximum capacity of bus routes.
  
4. Assign students to routes in the following order until the maximum capacity is reached. Students residing in households with an income level at or below the "low income" threshold will have first priority, followed by TK-6 students residing in households with an income level above the "low income" threshold, then 7-8th grade students residing in households with an income level above the "low income" threshold.

**Free Transportation for Unduplicated Pupils**

Students receiving General Education or Special Education transportation services, including Unduplicated Pupils (low socio-economic students, English Learners or Foster Youth) will receive District transportation services at no charge.

**Consultations**

In accordance with Education Code 39800.1, the District sought input from stakeholders in developing the plan for services. Meetings were held with the following groups to discuss the transportation services offered and the plan for prioritizing students.

Delano Union Elementary Teachers Association	March 1, 2023
California School Employees Association (CSEA)	March 1, 2023
Administrative Cabinet	TBD

The Draft plan was emailed to Kern Transit and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for review and input.

A public hearing was held on March 13, 2023 to seek both in-person and remote input from parents and stakeholders. A public notice was published in the local newspaper on February 27, 2023 and the draft plan was posted for public review on February 27, 2023.

**Revenue Calculation**

Total 2021-22 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	2,938,560.24
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	-
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	-
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	1,763,136.14
Less 2021-22 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	188,776.00

**Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000)** 1,574,360.14

**Expenditures and Other Financing Uses**

2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	892,445.37
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	576,550.76
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	112,635.78
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	1,356,928.33
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	-
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	-

**Total Expenditures** 2,938,560.24

**Board Approval Date:** TBD

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