

**TRANSPORTATION FEES**

Because the cost of providing student transportation exceeds funding provided by the state, the Board of Education finds it necessary to charge fees for home-to-school student transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually submit proposed transportation fee schedules for Board approval. Fees shall be determined on the basis of operating costs in accordance with law.

No charge shall be made for any transportation of students whose individualized education program requires transportation or whose parents/guardians are determined indigent pursuant to administrative regulations.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*  
*(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

10913 Fees for uses of school buses for community recreation purposes

35330 Excursions or field trips

39800-39860 Transportation, especially:

39801.5 Transportation fees for adults

39807.5 Payment of transportation cost; amount of payment

39809.5 Excess fees; adjustments

39837 Fees for summer employment transportation

41850 Home-to-school and special education transportation

49557 Applications for free and reduced price meals

49558 Confidentiality of applications and records

56026 Individuals with exceptional needs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

245.8(a) Nondiscrimination practices for children eligible to receive free and reduced price meals and free milk

COURT DECISIONS

Arcadia Unified School District et al v. State Department of Education, 2 Cal. 4th 251 (1992)

Hartzell v. Connell, 35 Cal.3d 899 (1984)

*Management Resources:*

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0619.92 Fees for Pupil Transportation (#92-05)

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0609.95 School transportation fee exemption for handicapped children and pupils whose parents or guardians are indigent (LO: 2-95)

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**Exemption from Fees**

Eligibility for free transportation based on indigency shall be based on the income eligibility scales used for the free and reduced-price lunch program and/or proof of receipt of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

At the beginning of the school year and whenever a new student is enrolled, parents/guardians shall receive information about free transportation eligibility standards, application procedures and appeal procedures.

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

All applications and records related to eligibility for free transportation shall be confidential and used only for purposes directly connected with the free transportation program.

*(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

Students receiving free transportation shall not be identified by the use of special bus passes, tickets, lines, seats or any other means. They shall in no way be treated differently from other students, nor shall their names be published, posted or announced in any manner or used for any purpose other than the transportation program.