

2025/2026 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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INTRODUCTION

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, 2025. 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.

The District's Pupil Transportation Plan is designed to provide safe and consistent transportation services for our families specifically emphasizing our primary and special needs students. Specifics of the Transportation Plan are codified in the Summerville Union High School District's Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. The District operates its own bus service.

OUR DISTRICT

Summerville Union High School District is in a rural county of the Motherlode. According to the most recent US Census Bureau quick facts the county has a population of approximately 54,000 that is primarily made up of 78.1% Caucasian and 14.1% Hispanic residents. The ethnic breakdown of students attending the Summerville Union High School District is reflective of the community with 64.1% Caucasian, 23.6% Hispanic, and 12.3% of other ethnicities represented. The Summerville UHSD has one comprehensive high school with an embedded dependent charter school, one alternative high school, three necessary small schools and an independent study and adult education program. Summerville Union High School District serves the southeastern parts of Tuolumne County. Residents living in the Summerville Union High School District area speak, for the most part, English as a primary language and are of low to middle income households with 44% of the students in the district qualifying for free and reduced-price Meals (FRPM). Our population of Foster Youth is less than 1% of the student population. When compared to other school districts in Tuolumne County, SUHSD has an average parent education level with a high number of parents who are high school graduates. The number of English Language Learners is less than 1% for the schools included in the Summerville Union High School District.

Vision Statement:

Summerville High School: Preparing students for college, career and life.

Mission Statement:

By providing quality education, Summerville High School prepares students to become effective communicators, critical thinkers and responsible citizens who value lifelong learning.

The Core Values of our Professional Staff:

1. Improving Student Learning

We strive always to improve student learning. Our aim is to prepare all students for success in college, career, and service to the community. We expect all students to learn at the levels necessary for success, and we modify our instruction to ensure that all students learn.

2. Teamwork

We work in teams. We value collaboration, cooperation, and communication to best work together to maximize student learning. We believe we all work better when the school community works together: teachers, support staff, parents, community, and students. We are adaptable, flexible, and consistent.

3. Respect

We respect one another, our students, our workplace, the work we do, and the community we serve. Our students learn best in a safe, clean, positive atmosphere of caring, empathy, and sincerity. We prepare students for success by consistently modeling responsible behavior and responsiveness to student needs.

4. Professionalism

We are professionals, and we serve students at a professional level. We know how to do our work effectively and we learn from experience. We are committed to continuous improvement of all aspects of our institution. We set clear goals and follow through to meet them with consistency, integrity, and dedication. We hold ourselves accountable for student learning and work to improve it.

DESCRIPTION OF TRASPORTATION SERVICES

Summerville Union High School District has 6 school buses serving the transportation needs of all of our schools. The department provides services for the transportation of activity trips throughout Tuolumne County and Northern California that support the educational activities of the schools, including curricular, extra-curricular and athletic trips for students.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the district's school bus fleet traveled 62,422 miles. Approximately 41,253 regular education and NSS students were transported to and from their respective schools on our 6 buses and 3 students during summer school with our white fleet for an additional 100 miles. SUHSD also provided transportation for the After School Program students that supported 2-4 students 4 days a week traveling 25-30 miles a day. There were 50 activity trips (curricular, extra-curricular) that utilized the bus fleet. Our Summer Tech Comp traveled 1272 miles with 15-20 students to Columbia College.

Summerville Union High School District offers home-to-school transportation to all students. Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. Middle school:

Grades 7-8: one mile

2. High School:

Grades 9-12: two miles

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN, FOSTER YOUTH AND PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

Summerville Union High School District offers transportation services in the least restrictive environment to all homeless students, foster youth and pupils with disabilities that meet the criteria for severely disabled and/or non-ambulatory.

The department also supports its special needs, homeless and foster youth students by providing transportation services for activity trips throughout Tuolumne County and Northern California that support the educational activities of the schools, including curricular, extra-curricular and athletic trips for students of the District.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The transportation plan has been developed in consultation with stakeholders composed of classified staff, teachers, parents, students, and administrators as well as other members of the public. The plan is posted on the district website at www.summbears.net and has been emailed to key stakeholders who were asked to provide input on the proposed plan. In addition to providing feedback via our district website posting, public comments may be submitted at the Summerville Union High School District Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ALLOWANCE CALCULATION

Transportation Services Allowance Data		
A.	Total 2023-24 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$810,695
B.	Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	(\$67,235)
C.	Less Non-Agency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	\$0
D.	Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$446,076
E.	Less 2022-2023 Transportation Add-on From LCFF	(\$138,710)
Total HTS Transportation Reimbursement		\$307,366

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	
2000-2999: Classified Salaries	\$342,307
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	\$154,563
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	\$187,694
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	\$58,896
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	\$67,235
7000-7999: Other Outgo	\$0
Total Expenditures	

Total Cost minus capital outlay = \$743,460

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUHSD PREVIEW OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

SUHSD Families,

In accordance with Education Code 39800.1, Summerville Union High School District is soliciting public input on the proposed Pupil Transportation Plan for the 2025/2026 school year.

The District's Pupil Transportation Plan is designed to provide safe and consistent transportation services for our families with a specific emphasis on our primary and special needs students. Specifics of the Transportation Plan are codified in the Summerville Union High School District's Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

Please preview the proposed plan and provide feedback by March 24, 2025. This plan is recommended to the board of education, with the goal to implement in the 2025/2026 school year.

The plan will be reviewed annually per Education Code 39800.1

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Transportation Safety Plan

In accordance with AB1297 amending section 22112 of California Vehicle Code, the Summerville Union High School District has developed the following Transportation Safety Plan

The school bus driver's primary responsibility is to safely transport students to and from school and school activities. He/she shall follow procedures contained in the district's transportation safety plan. The driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home to school or other destination. (5 CCR 14103) The driver's responsibility starts approximately at the point where the driver can recognize the pupils as the bus approaches or leaves a bus stop.

Drivers shall stop to load and unload students only at a school bus stop designated by the Superintendent or designee, or authorized by the Superintendent or designee for school activity trips.

On approach to a school bus stop when pupils are loading or unloading, the school bus driver shall activate an approved amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, beginning 200 feet before the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall deactivate the amber warning light system after reaching the school bus stop and immediately activate the flashing red light system and stop arm, as required on the school bus, at all times when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading and unloading pupils. The flashing red lights signal system, amber warning light system, and the stop signal arm shall not be operated at any other place. (VC 22112(a))

When the bus is stopped on a highway or private road to load or unload students, and traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal, the driver shall:

1. Check for approaching traffic in all directions, activate the flashing red light system and if the bus is equipped, the stop arm.
2. Before opening the door, ensure that the flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm are activated and that it is safe to exit the bus.
3. Escort all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 who need to cross the highway or private road, using an approved hand held STOP sign while doing so.

4. Require all students to walk in front of the bus as they cross the road or highway.
5. Ensure that all students that need to cross the road or highway have crossed safely and that all other unloaded students and pedestrians are in a safe distance from the bus before setting the bus in motion.

Special Education Transportation

Special education students are being transported with regular education students. The transportation department coordinates with GLC and parents to serve pupils with special needs/IEP.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Summerville Union High School Transportation Department determines dates prior to October of each year to schedule evacuation training.

Safety/Emergency Instruction for School Activity Trip

Procedural instructions shall occur before a bus departs on a school activity trip.

Instruction shall include passenger safety, general rules of conduct, identification of emergency equipment, radio source, and evacuation procedure.

District Reviewed Stops

The transportation Director/Specialist and route drivers have viewed home to school stops for appropriate visibility and distance for safe loading and unloading of the students. Any changes to the stops will be reviewed with the Superintendent and the CHP. Transportation schedules have been reviewed with the appropriate feeder elementary districts

Child Check Procedures

Prior to exiting the school bus after each scheduled run or while on a field trip, the school bus driver will walk to the back of the bus and check for students that may have been left on the bus. The driver will then press the button that is located at the rear of the bus to turn off the Child Check System.

Reduced Visibility

When inclement weather limits visibility to less than 200 feet, the driver has the authority to discontinue the operation of the school bus. No such decision relieves the driver of providing for supervision or ultimate delivery of such students.

The School Bus Danger Zone

The danger zone is Twelve (12) feet around the parameter of the bus with the MOST DANGEROUS areas being directly in front of the bus, and on the right side to the rear of the bus, these areas are indicated in red. Students are not to cross the street without being escorted by the driver, and NEVER cross the street behind the bus.

Drivers must be aware of the many danger zones. Drivers must check all mirrors for any pupils, pedestrians, or other problem objects in the danger zones prior to moving the vehicle. It is critical that proper mirror procedures be used before and during any movement of the vehicle.

Students are instructed by the driver to remain aware of the danger zones around the bus. When students board and leave the bus, they must avoid the danger zones around the bus. This places students within view of the school bus driver at all times.

