

**2026/2027 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, 2026. 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 89.1% Caucasian and 14.4% Hispanic residents. The ethnic breakdown of students attending the Summerville Union High School District is reflective of the community with 65.7% Caucasian, 22% 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 36.6% 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 TRASPORATION 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 2024-2025 school year, the district's school bus fleet traveled 63,790 miles. Approximately 40,667 regular education and NSS students were transported to and from their respective schools on our 6 buses. There were 20 departments that took activity trips (curricular, extra-curricular) that utilized the bus and white fleet. Our Career and College Center traveled 716 miles also using the white and bus fleet. Our Summer Tech Comp traveled 1368 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:

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 2024-25 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$795,983
B.	Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	\$0
C.	Less Non-Agency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	\$0
D.	Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$477,590
E.	Less 2021-2022 Transportation Add-on From LCFF	-\$146,835
Total HTS Transportation Reimbursement		\$330,755

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES		
	2000-2999: Classified Salaries	\$368,635
	3000-3999: Employee Benefits	\$163,747
	4000-4999: Books and Supplies	\$174,914
	5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	\$88,687
	6000-6999: Capital Outlay	\$0
	7000-7999: Other Outgo	\$0
Total Expenditures		\$795,983

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUHSD PREVIEW OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE 2026/2027 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, 2026. This plan is recommended to the board of education, with the goal to implement in the 2026/2027 school year.

The plan will be reviewed annually per Education Code 39800.1