

TRANSPORTATION FEES

Fee Schedule and Collection

Transportation fees charged by the district shall not exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost of providing such transportation to a student on a publicly owned or operated transit system, as determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code [39807.5](#))

The total amount received by the district from the state and parent/guardian fees shall not exceed the actual operating cost of home-to-school transportation during the fiscal year. If excess fees are collected due to errors in estimated costs, fees shall be reduced in succeeding years. (Education Code [39809.5](#))

The Board of Education shall certify to the County Superintendent of Schools that the district has levied fees in accordance with law and that, in the event that excess fees have been charged, the fees have been reduced and excess fee revenue eliminated. (Education Code [39809.5](#))

Bus passes and tickets shall be sold at district schools and at the district office. No money shall be collected on school buses.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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