



# San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Transportation Services Plan and Budget February 23, 2023



## **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, 2023. 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.

## **OUR DISTRICT**

The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE) is located at 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. SLOCOE schools consist of San Luis Obispo County Community school, San Luis County Special Education school, San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Court school and 7 Early Learning Preschool Centers.

## **DESCRIPTION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

SLOCOE has 4 school buses and 3 white fleet vehicles mainly serving the transportation needs of San Luis Obispo County Community school which currently serves 66 students. The transportation department also provides transportation services and assistance to other districts for activities and events that support the educational activities of the schools, including curricular, extra-curricular and athletic trips for students.

During the 2021-2022 school year, the district's school bus fleet traveled 37,579 miles. Approximately 20 students were transported to and from their respective home-to-school routes, resulting in 14,800 student boardings. There were 14 activity trips requests (curricular, extra-curricular and athletic) that utilized the bus fleet, which was a lower number than the previous years due to various Covid-19 restrictions.

SLOCOE offers free home-to-school transportation to all students who qualify by living within their home school of attendance boundaries for San Luis Obispo County Community school. Bussing is provided to all students enrolled at the Community school, whose enrollment covers 6th through 12th grades, on a safety-based criterion with minimum mileage distance impact as possible. No transportation is required for students at the Juvenile Court school due to all students residing at the Juvenile Services Center and no transportation is required for students at the Special Education school due to all students receiving transportation services directly from their district of residence. Transportation is not provided to our early learning preschools or direct service to special needs students.

Students have designated bus pickup/drop off locations. Locations are critical decisions and are determined by school administrators and transportation staff to optimize the safest transport and zones for our students.

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

SLOCOE 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. If there is no space available on existing district school buses, or the distance does not allow reasonable service, the district offers free white fleet transportation and/or bus passes for homeless and foster youth to the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority when feasible. There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place for the provision of transportation services for foster youth in school to their school of origin between the County of San Luis Obispo Departments of Social Services and Probation and County of San Luis Obispo School Districts and San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.

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

For any student enrolled in a SLOCOE school requiring special education transportation services per their individualized education program, those services are directly provided by each student's district of residence.

## **HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ACCESSIBLE TO UNDUPLICATED STUDENTS AT NO COST**

Given SLOCOE schools have an unduplicated student population of greater than 90%, all actions and services, including home-to-school transportation, are implemented on a schoolwide and/or LEA-wide basis in order to increase efficiency, delivery and effectiveness of the actions and services. Home-to-school transportation for all students, including the unduplicated population, is an action in the SLOCOE Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) with a desired outcome of 100% of students will have access to transportation; this outcome is met each year.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The transportation plan is being developed in consultation with educational partners composed of classified staff, teachers, parents, students, school administrators and other educational partners. The District is also working with the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, San Luis Obispo County Air Quality Pollution Control District (APCD) and California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Input was received from the various educational partners through the LCAP process, including, but not limited to the LCAP survey, the School Site Council and the LCAP Parent Advisory Committee.

The plan is posted on the district website at [Transportation Services Plan](#) and has been emailed to key educational partners 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 San Luis Obispo County Office of Education during the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 1:30pm.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ALLOWANCE CALCULATION

<b>Transportation Services Allowance Data</b>		
A.	Total 2021-22 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$219,002.06
B.	Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	0
C.	Less Non-Agency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	0
D.	Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$131,402.24
E.	Less 2021-2022 Transportation Add-on From LCFF	
<b>Total HTS Transportation Reimbursement</b>		<b>\$87,5999.82</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	
2000-2999: Classified Salaries	\$91232.70
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	\$48,419.29
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	\$23,794.87
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	\$55,555.20
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	0
7000-7999: Other Outgo	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$219,002.06</b>