

A photograph of several yellow school buses parked in a lot under a bright blue sky with scattered clouds. The sun is visible in the upper left, creating a lens flare effect. The buses are viewed from a low angle, emphasizing their size.

SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Transportation
Plan*

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EDUCATION CODE REQUIREMENT

California Education Code Section 39800.1 states:

- (a) As a condition of receiving apportionments under Section 41850.1, a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by the local educational agency's governing board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter. The plan shall include the following components:
 - (1) A description of the local educational agency's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.).
 - (2) A description of how unduplicated pupils, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.
- (b)
 - (1) The plan shall be developed in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other stakeholders.
 - (2) The plan shall be presented and adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.
- (e) For purposes of this section, "local educational agency" means a school district or a county office of education.

1. OVERVIEW

The San Dieguito Union High School District currently provides transportation services to our students with disabilities who qualify for transportation based on their disability as well as two shuttles for students who qualify based on low income.

The San Dieguito Union High School District Transportation Plan incorporates existing Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) governing pupil transportation support services, as follows:

- [Board Policy 3250](#) - Transportation Fees
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- [Board Policy 3540](#) - Transportation
- [Administrative Regulation 3541](#) - Transportation Routes and Services
- [Board Policy 3541.2](#) - Transportation for Students with Disabilities
- [Administrative Regulation 6173](#) - Education for Homeless Children
- [Board Policy 6173.1](#) - Education for Foster Youth

. The plan describes:

- Transportation services offered to pupils
- The prioritization of planned transportation services for pupils who are low income.
- Transportation services accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.
- How unduplicated pupils, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no-cost to the pupils.
 - Unduplicated Pupils are defined as those students who are low income, English learners, homeless, or foster youth.
- The required consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils and other stakeholders.

2. 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUS AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OFFERED TO PUPILS

Figure 1 below provides details of San Dieguito Union High School District services provided on school bus routes.

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Routes	3	18	21
Students Transported	62	127	189
Unduplicated Students Transported	44	40	84
% of Transportation Eligible Unduplicated Students Transported	71%	31%	44%
% of Total District Unduplicated Students Transported	1.81%	1.64%	3.44%
Bus Passes Sold	7	0	7
Free Bus Passes Issued	53	0	53
Miles Traveled	16,272	251,640	267,912

Figure 1: School Bus Transportation (2023-2024)

Figure 2 below provides the number of San Dieguito Union High School District students using alternative transportation services at no cost to students.

	McKinney-Vento	Special Education	Total
Alternative Transportation SOL Transportation, Inc.	5	13	18
Alternative Transportation Hop, Skip, and Drive	6	6	12
Alternative Transportation FirstAlt	0	0	0

Figure 2: Alternative Transportation (2023-2024)

3. 2023-2024 PROJECTED SCHOOL BUS AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OFFERED

Figure 3 below projects details of San Dieguito Union High School District services to be provided on school bus routes during the 2024-2025 school year.

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Routes	3	18	21
Students Transported	75	157	232
Unduplicated Students Transported	58	40	98
% of Transportation Eligible Unduplicated Students Transported	77%	25.5%	40%
% of Total District Unduplicated Students Transported	2.38%	1.64%	4.02%
Bus Passes Sold	9	0	9
Free Bus Passes Issued	66	0	66
Miles Traveled	16,272	251,640	267,912

Figure 3: School Bus Transportation (2024-2025)

Figure 4 below projects the number of San Dieguito Union High School District students that will use alternative transportation services at no cost to students during the 2023-2024 school year.

	McKinney-Vento	Special Education	Total
Alternative Transportation SOL Transportation, Inc.	6	15	21
Alternative Transportation Hop, Skip, and Drive	3	0	3
Alternative Transportation FirstAlt	5	5	10

Figure 4: Alternative Transportation (2024 – 2025)

4. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND FINANCE

Figure 5 below contains the projected reimbursement for the current school year based on transportation expenses in the 2022-2023 school year.

Revenue Calculation	
Total 2022-23 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$7,570,347.22
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)	(\$3,632,422.18)
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	(\$0)
Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$2,362,755.02
Less 2022-23 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)	(\$601,922.00)
Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	\$1,760,833.02
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries	\$2,201,606.60
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits	\$1,324,932.84
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies	\$368,812.01
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures	\$42,573.59
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay	\$3,632,422.18
7000-7999 - Other Outgo	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$7,570,347.22

Figure 5: Transportation Funding Reimbursement Calculation for Current School Year

The Transportation plan and revenue calculations were developed in accordance with Education Code Sections 39800.1 and 41850.1

5. THE PRIORITIZATION OF PLANNED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR PUPILS WHO ARE LOW INCOME

The District currently provides transportation to students who qualify for the services as required by federal law due to their disability or when needed to transport the student to a specialized program that is not currently available at their school.

The District does offer one shuttle bus prioritizing our students who are low income.

Public transportation is available for all students through the North County Transit District (NCTD). NCTD offers a [Youth Opportunity Pass](#) that allows youth 18 and under to ride for free. Bell schedules are provided to them on an annual basis and it's used by the NCTD when creating and scheduling routes

6. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ACCESSIBLE TO PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES AND HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The District currently provides transportation to students who qualify for the services as required by federal law due to their disability or when needed to transport the student to a specialized program that is not currently available at their school.

The District is part of a Countywide Transportation Memorandum of Agreement through the San Diego County Office of Education with several school districts throughout the County. This agreement allows the participating agencies to provide transportation services to students experiencing homelessness or in foster care who qualify for the service.

The District also has an Agreement for Student Transportation Services between San Diego County School Districts to transport students with disabilities between public and non-public schools and field trip locations as specified.

7. ACCESS FOR HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AT NO-COST TO UNDUPLICATED PUPILS

Unduplicated Pupils are defined as those students who are low income, English learners, homeless, or foster youth.

The District offers limited home-to-school transportation at no-cost to unduplicated pupils, where staffing has allowed us to. There is a national shortage of qualified bus drivers. The District currently has 22 vacant bus driver positions that we have been actively recruiting for since July 1, 2022.

Public transportation is available for all students through the North County Transit District (NCTD). NCTD offers a [Youth Opportunity Pass](#) that allows youth 18 and under to ride for

free. Bell schedules are provided to them on an annual basis and it's used by the NCTD when creating and scheduling routes.

8. APPENDIX – REQUIRED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

In compliance with the mandate, Figure 6 lists the stakeholders invited to collaborate on the development of the San Dieguito Union High School District transportation plan. In addition, a survey was sent out to our staff, pupils, and parents to gather additional information.

Stakeholder Entities	Date
Classified staff / Transportation Staff	2/19/2024
Regional Local Transit Authority	2/05/2024
Local Air Pollution District/Local Air Quality District	2/04/2024
Teachers	2/19/2024
School Administrators	2/19/2024
Pupils	2/19/2024
Parents	2/19/2024

Figure 6: Required Stakeholder Consultations