

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Business & Non-Instructional Operations

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TRANSPORTATION

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District may provide home-to-school transportation for students living beyond the distance established by the Board of Education. Distance is measured from the entrance of the school to points around the school forming a circle with the established distance being the radius of the circle.

The following guidelines shall be used in providing home-to-school transportation for students who live beyond the following distance to/from their school of attendance:

Elementary Schools	K-6	1.75 miles	(Effective September 2012)
Middle Schools	6-8 or 7/8	2.25 miles	(Effective September 2012)
High Schools	9-12	3.25 miles	(Effective September 2012)

Transportation may be provided in the event that a student's actual walking distance is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in excess of the radius distance from their school.

Transportation shall be provided to elementary school students who would otherwise have to cross railroad tracks to walk to school/home.

Routes shall be established in a manner that maximizes efficiency and utilization of the district's resources. The district will not provide transportation services in instances where insufficient riders exist to maintain at least a 25% of bus capacity efficiency.

Transportation may be provided on a space available basis to those students not eligible for busing per the guidelines above. "Space available" is determined after students who are eligible for transportation services have obtained bus passes and all routes have been made as efficient as possible. Following the notification of parents, applications will be accepted for seats which are empty and in excess of approximately 15% of the seating capacity which will be left open for growth. In the event that more applications are received than there are seats available, applications will be selected at random by lottery. The parent/guardian will be required to agree that seats will be forfeited if space is no longer available. Fees will be refunded on a pro-rated basis upon forfeiture of seats.

Transportation shall be provided for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or accommodation plan. The Superintendent/designee shall establish criteria and procedures for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation for an individual student based on identified needs as determined in the IEP or accommodation plan.

Transportation schedules shall be arranged so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis. The superintendent/designee shall establish and evaluate procedures to provide consistent pick-up and drop-off times for students with disabilities.

The superintendent/designee shall establish procedures to ensure compatibility between mobile seating devices and bus securement systems.

Transportation may be provided when the Superintendent finds an exceptional circumstance exists resulting from adverse community relationships which have a potential negative impact at a school.

Transportation shall be provided for budgeted educational and athletic field trips which have been approved by the superintendent or designee. Co-curricular transportation fees are charged in accordance with Policy 6145.8.

Because the cost of providing student transportation exceeds funding provided by the state, the Board of Education finds it necessary to charge student transportation fees.

The total amount received for transportation from the state and parent/guardian fees shall not exceed the actual operating cost of home-to-school transportation during the school year.

All students riding school buses, home-to-school and/or school-to-home shall pay fees as set forth by the Board of Education.

	ANNUAL	SEMESTER	ANNUAL ONE-WAY	SEMESTER ONE-WAY
1st Child	\$396	\$198	\$198	\$99
2nd Child	\$396	\$198	\$198	\$99
3rd Child	\$198	\$99	\$99	\$50
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* The first three children in a family will be charged according to the above fee schedule. The fourth and any additional children will be provided transportation at no additional charge.

The following shall be exempt from fees:

- A. Students with a disability whose Individual Education Plans (IEP) specify home-to-school transportation.
- B. Families who qualify under state laws and regulations for free or reduced-cost transportation.

