



# CHICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (CUSD)

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PLAN 2024-2025

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 (LEA) 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, 2024 in an open meeting with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment. 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.

Description of CUSD's plan of the transportation services it will offer to pupils, and how it will prioritize transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income.

CUSD and its governing board desire to provide for the safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance, and reduce tardiness. Home-to-school transportation is offered at no cost to unduplicated students who meet the transportation criteria - attending neighborhood school and residing outside the current parent transport area. CUSD will prioritize spaces on our buses for low-income students. Additionally, if there is space available on our buses, then the District will prioritize younger students first (i.e., transitional kindergarten/kindergarten students are first priority, first grade students are second priority, etc.).

Description of transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.

In order for students with disabilities to benefit from special education and related services at school, CUSD provides transportation services for all students with disabilities that qualify for transportation through their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan. IEP team considerations for student transportation may include, but are not limited to, the student's health needs, travel distances, physical accessibility and safety of streets and sidewalks, accessibility of public transportation services, midday or other timed transportation needs, extended year services, and, as necessary, implementation of a behavioral intervention plan. The IEP team may communicate with the district transportation staff and/or invite transportation staff to attend IEP meetings where the student's transportation needs will be discussed.

Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to regular school attendance and school stability for homeless students. CUSD has a process and procedure in place for homeless children and youth to access transportation services. This process includes district-provided support in completing a referral for transportation services and accommodating the student with district bussing, public city bussing, gas card options, or parent/guardian fuel reimbursement.

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**Description of how unduplicated pupils would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.**

Transportation for homeless and foster youth students are supported by CUSD staff in completing a referral for no-cost transportation options. Currently, the District is offering free home-to-school transportation for all unduplicated students.

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