



Student Transportation

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Transportation Reimbursement



- ***50%/85% Cost Category Calculation***

Under Idaho Code section 33-1006(5) district or charter school owned program's costs are divided between the reimbursable expenses for SDE transportation training, SDE transportation assessment fees, bus depreciation, and bus maintenance, all of which are reimbursable at 85%. All other reimbursable expenses are reimbursed at 50%.

- ***Block Grant***

Difference between what the program would have received under the 85% only model, and what they received under the 50%/85% split model. The initial year block grant was then divided by the total number of support units the district or charter school had in that first year and this amount is used as the basis for future block grant calculations. Each year, this base block grant amount is multiplied by the district or charter school's current year support units, then the resulting amount is modified by the percentage change in total statewide transportation reimbursements from the first year to the current year, minus the percentage change in total statewide enrollment from the first year to the current year.

- ***10% Shift to Discretionary Funding***

The student transportation funding formula can be divided into four parts. The \$7.5 Million Proportional Adjustment is the fourth of these. During the legislative budgeting process, the fiscal year 2009-2010 reimbursement paid in fiscal year 2010-2011 received a 10% adjustment from transportation funding to discretionary funding. The following two years this budget adjustment continued as a \$7.5 million proportional adjustment coming to about 10% per program.

Challenges Facing Student Transportation in 2020/2021



Financial Considerations

- Districts may double routes to accommodate social distancing or staggered start times
- Additional supplies and time for proper cleaning/disinfecting
- Purchasing additional buses in order to social distance students which adds more drivers/maintenance
- 33-1006, will the reduction in mileage this year because of COVID put districts over their funding cap?

Personnel Considerations

- Older drivers electing to retire early due to COVID
- How Online vs Back-to-School/Delayed start impacts hiring/staffing/contracts

Other Considerations

- Will ridership be up or down?

Questions?

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