

Student Transportation: Funding & Reporting

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Florida's Numbers (2017-18):

- 949,870 total students transported (42% of total enrollment in public schools)
- 91,621 ineligible students transported (9% statewide)
- 40,395 students with disabilities (ESE) transported
- 25,737 hazardous walking students transported
- 14,999 school buses in daily service
- 18,497 total public school buses statewide



Florida's Numbers (2017-18):

- \$1,140,444,953 Total Expenditures for Student Transportation
- \$402 FEFP Funding per Student
- \$1,409 ESE Supplement (weighted)
- 247,075,393 Total Route Miles (daily routes)
- 10,458,818 Total Field Trip/Activity Miles
- 257,534,211 Total Miles Driven



Transportation Profiles

- The 2017-18 District Transportation Profiles Publication has been posted to the department's transportation web page at: <u>http://www.fldoe.org/schools/healthy-</u> <u>schools/transportation/</u>
- For more information about the Profiles, please contact Mary Lee Mayo at <u>MaryLee.Mayo@fldoe.org</u>



Florida School District 2017-18 Transportation Profiles

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Full-time Equivalent (FTE) General Instructions 2018-19

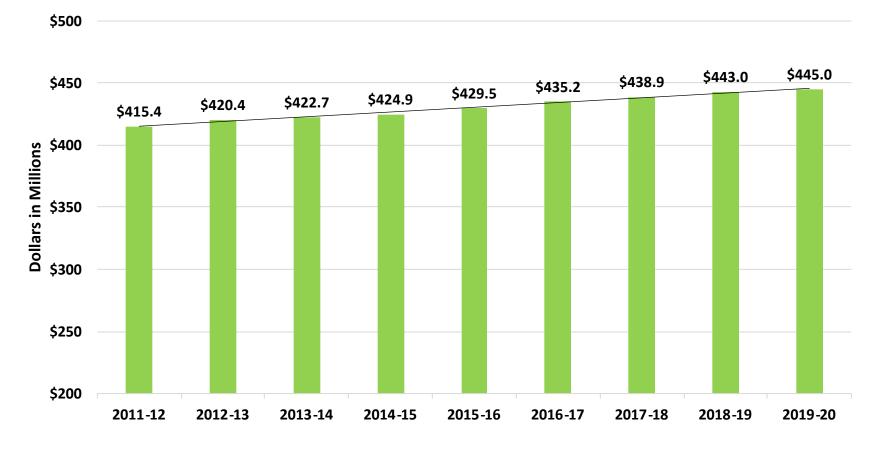


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Legislative Appropriations for Student Transportation





Student Transportation S.1011.68, F.S.



- The Student Transportation funding formula provides funds for school district transportation based on each district's pro rata share of state transported students.
 - Additional funding is provided for the transportation of certain disabled students.
 - Adjustments are made for cost of living differences, percent of population outside of urban centers, and an efficiency factor that is based upon the average number of eligible students transported per bus in daily service to encourage greater bus utilization.



Florida Transportation Funding

- FEFP funds for student transportation are appropriated and distributed as authorized by Sections 1006.21, 1006.22, 1006.23, 1006.25, and 1011.68, Florida Statutes. Locally maintained records must document the following three basic areas:
 - Student eligibility to receive state FEFP regular or weighted transportation funds (based on criteria such as distance from school, programs attended, and disabilities status and services, if applicable); and,
 - Student ridership <u>and</u> school attendance during approved transportation survey periods (to verify that transportation service was actually received); and,
 - Transportation in approved conveyance (i.e., in an approved mode of transportation or vehicle type)



Funding Formula

Two components



- Base Transportation Allocation
 - Provides funding for all fundable transported students, including certain disabled students
- ESE Transportation Allocation
 - Fully funded with the balance prorated as the base allocation component.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



Florida Price Level Index (FPLI)

- Adjustments are made for cost of living differences
 - The purpose of the FPLI is to measure the differences from county to county in the cost of labor.





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Rurality Index



- Adjustments are made for the percent of population outside of urban centers (Rurality Index).
 - Number of urban and rural inhabitants for each Florida county is based on US Census data





Average Bus Occupancy (ABO) Index

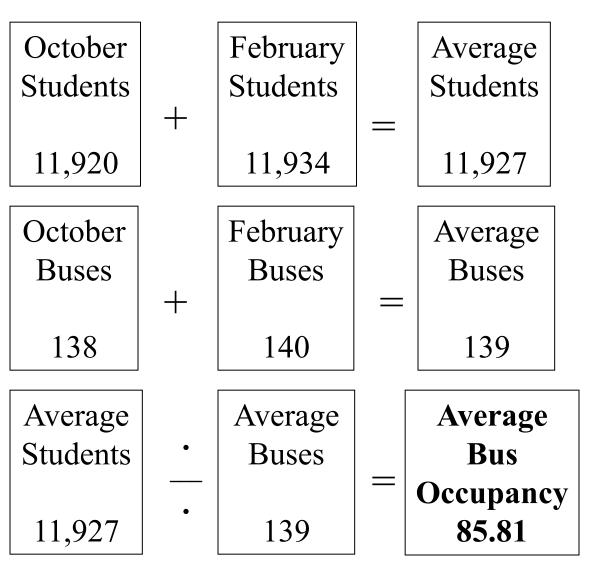
- Adjustments are made based upon the average number of eligible students transported per bus (category B) in daily service
- In 2017-18, ABO ranges from high of 107 (ABO = 1.10) to low of 34 (ABO = .90)
- Uses a formula which rewards efficiency.
- Efficiency factor is based upon the average number of eligible students transported per bus in daily service.
- Encourages greater bus utilization.

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Average Bus Occupancy Index (sample)





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ESE Weighted Funding Allocation: Who's Eligible?

- ESE student eligibility for weighted transportation funding is limited to students requiring additional specialized transportation services.
- Eligible students transported by private vehicles and eligible students for whom the district pays public transit fares are treated as any other transported students.
- Weighted funding can only be claimed for students riding on a school bus (vehicle category B).



Sequence of Surveys

- Survey Period 1 (July) from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) to the beginning of the defined 180 day school year.
- Survey Period 2 (October) the first 90 days of the 180 day school year.
- Survey Period 3 (February) the second 90 days of the 180 day school year.
- Survey Period 4 (June) from the end of the 180 day school program to the end of the fiscal year (June 30).



- First Calculation
 - Completed immediately after the annual legislative session
 - Based on district's number of eligible students transported from the transportation surveys for:
 - July, preceding fiscal year;
 - October, preceding fiscal year; and
 - June, second preceding fiscal year.



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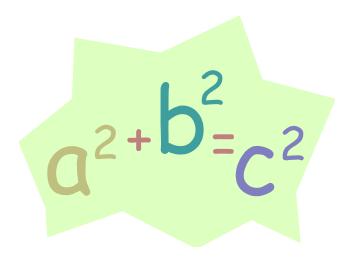


- Second Calculation
 - Completed upon receipt of student data from district's transportation surveys for:
 - July, current fiscal year;
 - October, current fiscal year; and
 - June, preceding fiscal year.



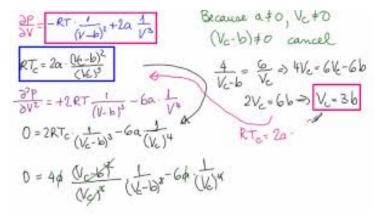


- Third Calculation
 - Completed upon receipt of student data from district's transportation surveys for:
 - July, current fiscal year;
 - October, current fiscal year;
 - February, current fiscal year; and
 - June, preceding fiscal year.





- Final Calculation
 - Completed upon receipt of student data from district's transportation surveys for:
 - July, current fiscal year;
 - October, current fiscal year;
 - February, current fiscal year; and
 - June, current fiscal year.

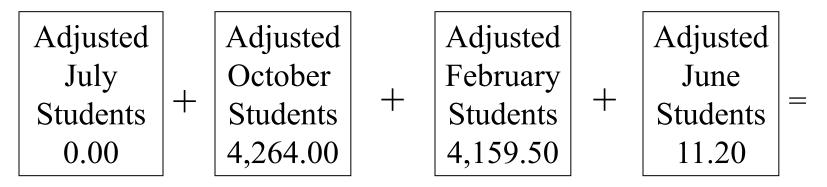


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Base Allocation Students

Example: Alachua

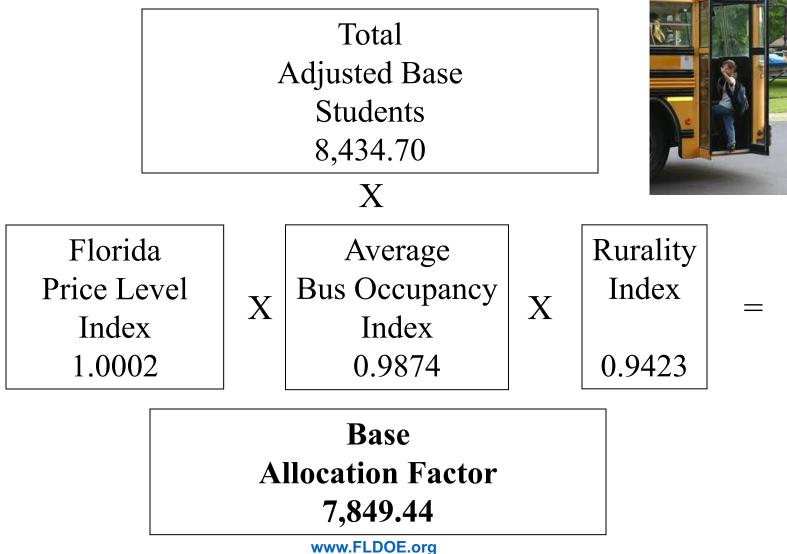


| Total | |
|----------|--|
| Adjusted | |
| Students | |
| 8,434.70 | |

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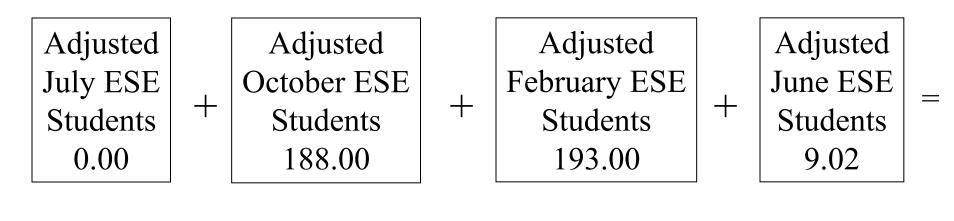


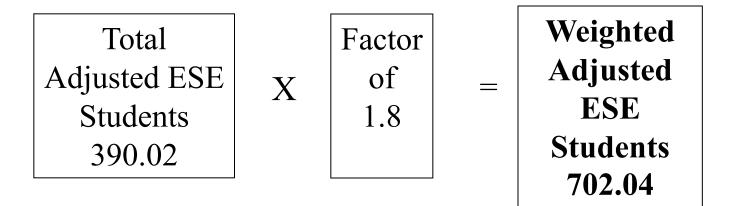
Base Allocation Factor





Exceptional Allocation Students





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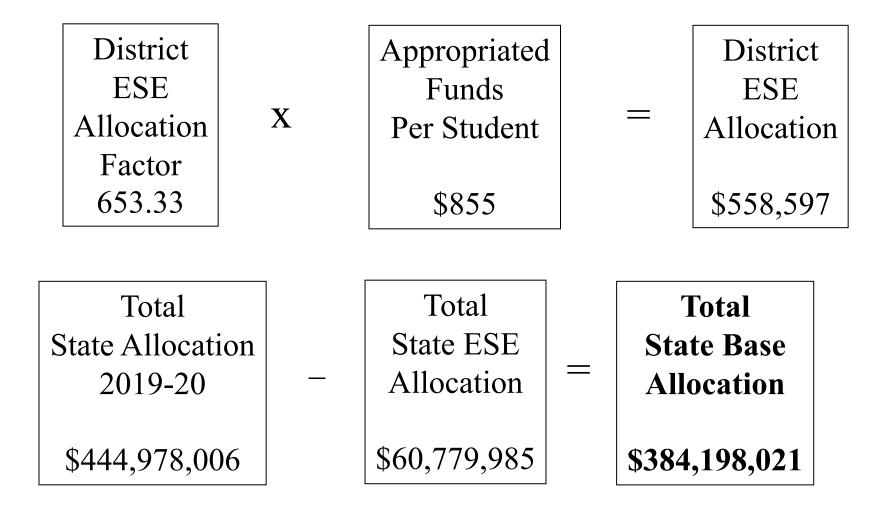
ESE Allocation Factor

| | Total Weighted Adjusted ESE Students 702.04 | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | X | | | | | | | |
| Florida Price Level Index 1.0002 | X | Average Bus Occupancy Index 0.9874 | X | Rurality Index 0.9423 | | | | |
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Funding Summary: State Base Allocation



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Included with the Transportation General Instructions each year.



APPENDIX A Schedule of State Processing Dates 2018-19 through 2021-2022

2018-19

Survey 1 Survey Week: July 9-13, 2018 Due Date: July 27, 2018 State Processing: July 23-September 14, 2018 Final Update/Amendment Date: September 30, 2018

<u>Survey 2</u> Survey Week: October 8-12, 2018 Due Date: October 19, 2018 State Processing: October 15-November 2, 2018 Final Update/Amendment Date: December 15, 2018

<u>Survey 3</u> Survey Week: February 4-8, 2019 Due Date: February 15, 2019 State Processing: February 11-March 1, 2019 Final Update/Amendment Date: April 15, 2019

<u>Survey 4</u> Survey Week: June 10-14, 2019 Due Date: July 5, 2019 State Processing: June 24-July 12, 2019 Final Update/Amendment Date: August 15, 2019 2020-21 Survey I Survey Week: July 6-10, 2020 Due Date: July 24, 2020 State Processing: July 20-September 11, 2020 Final Update/Amendment Date: September 30, 2020

<u>Survey 2</u> Survey Week: October 5-9, 2020 Due Date: October 16, 2020 State Processing: October 12- October 30, 2020 Final Update/Amendment Date: December 15, 2020

<u>Survey 3</u> Survey Week: February 8-12, 2021 Due Date: February 19, 2021 State Processing: February 15-March 5, 2021 Final Update/Amendment Date: April 15, 2021

<u>Survey 4</u> Survey Week: June 7-11, 2021 Due Date: July 2, 2021 State Processing: June 21-July 9, 2021 Final Update/Amendment Date: August 15, 2021 2019-20 <u>Survey 1</u> Survey Week: July 8-12, 2019 Due Date: July 26, 2019 State Processing: July 22-September 13, 2019 Final Update/Amendment Date: September 30, 2019

<u>Survey 2</u> Survey Week: October 7-11, 2019 Due Date: October 18, 2019 State Processing: October 14-November 1, 2019 Final Update/Amendment Date: December 15, 2019

<u>Survey 3</u> Survey Week: February 3-7, 2020 Due Date: February 14, 2020 State Processing: February 10-February 28, 2020 Final Update/Amendment Date: April 15, 2020

Survey 4 Survey Week: June 8-12, 2020 Due Date: July 2, 2020 State Processing: June 22-July 10, 2020 Final Update/Amendment Date: August 15, 2020 2021-22 Survey I Survey Week July 12-16, 2021 Due Date: July 30, 2021 State Processing: July 26 – September 10, 2021 Final Update/Amendment Date: September 30, 2021

<u>Survey 2</u> Survey Week: October 11-15, 2021 Due Date: October 22, 2021 State Processing: October 18 – November 5, 2021 Final Update/Amendment Date: December 15, 2021

<u>Survey 3</u> Survey Week: February 7-11, 2022 Due Date: February 18, 2022 State Processing: February 14 – March 4, 2022 Final Update/Amendment Date: April 15, 2022

Survey 4 Survey Week: June 6-10, 2022 Due Date: July 1, 2022 State Processing: June 20 – July 8, 2022 Final Update/Amendment Date: August 15, 2022

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Membership Eligibility Categories



Membership Category L: Individuals With Disabilities Education Act -Prekindergarten through Grade 12, Weighted

Membership Category F: Teenage Parents and Infants, Unweighted

Membership Category G: Hazardous Walking, Elementary, Unweighted

Membership Category M: All Other FEFP Transportation Funding-Eligible Students, Unweighted

Membership Category N: Non-FEFP-Fundable Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Students



Pre-K IDEA or Teen Parent ONLY:

- Pre-K students are only eligible for funding under s.1011.68, F.S. if the transported student:
 - Is a Pre-K student with disabilities (IDEA) under Rule 6A-6.03026, FAC, regardless of distance, and who meets criteria for funding, either weighted or un-weighted.
 - Is a Pre-K age child of a student parent enrolled in a Teenage Parent Program (TAP) under s.1003.54, F.S.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Pre-K children <u>not</u> enrolled in IDEA programs, or whose parent or parents are <u>not</u> enrolled in a TAP program, are <u>not</u> eligible for state transportation funding. Ineligible programs include: Pre-K Title I, federallyfunded Pre-K Migrant Programs, Pre-K Early Intervention, Head Start, VPK, and Readiness Coalition programs.



Hazardous Walking:

- K-6 Elementary <u>only</u> students eligible under Hazardous Walking
- Location must be inspected by district, road jurisdiction, law enforcement and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is applicable
- District, road jurisdiction, law enforcement and MPO must all agree that the location meets hazardous walking criteria
- District or charter school must document qualifying conditions, including speed limits, traffic counts, and the condition of roads, walking surfaces, intersections, and traffic controls. FDOE checklist available
- District must request a projected completion date for correcting hazard
- There is no longer a Hazardous Walking Database, districts must report these students each year and are responsible for maintaining documentation



Ridership and Surveys

- For each eligible student, district or charter school must verify the specific bus (or other vehicle) and the days during the survey week (or preceding 6 days) when the student rode, or at least the first day. Must be signed by the school bus operator and dated as a source document.
- PLEASE NOTE transportation ridership/membership will once again be based on survey week, AND the 6 days prior to survey week.
- Sample Ridership Worksheet for Bus Operators is available. This "roll call" sheet must provide the following information, at a minimum:
 - School District Number (where student receives current instruction/service)
 - Florida Education Identifier (FLEID) for each transported student
 - Survey Period Code
 - Fiscal Year
 - Year-Round/Extended School Year FTE Indicator
 - Days In Term
 - Transportation Membership Category
 - Vehicle Category
 - Bus Number
 - Bus Route Number
 - School District Number (where the student is currently enrolled)
 - Date and Signature of driver

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Bus Operator Worksheets

- Bus operator worksheets should be neat, legible and complete (including a signature)
- Completed worksheets should be reviewed, verified and signed by a supervisor
- Although hardcopies of driver worksheets with original signatures are preferred, school districts who maintain scanned, electronic student database reports may use similar approved reporting formats for transportation record keeping. These formats must be coordinated with the district MIS.



Sample Ridership Data Collection Form

| STUDENT RIDERSHIP DATA COLLECTION FORM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------------|-----|----|
| Days in Term 90 Survey # 3 Term Type: Z-Regular Vehicle Category B Fiscal Year 17/18 Driver (print) Buster Bussman | | | | | | | | Signature of Driver: Bussman | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bus # | 2015-11 Route # 63521 District: 01-Alachua Date signed by Driver: Friday, February 9, 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bus Stop | Student Student ID # | Student ID # Survey Membership District # of District # of Instructional Enrollment | | | Friday 01/26/18 | | Monday 01/29/18 | | Tuesday 01/30/18 | | Wednesday 01/31/18 | | Thursday 02/01/18 | | Friday 2/2/18 | | Monday 02/05/18 | | Tuesday 02/06/18 | | Wednesday 02/07/18 | | Thursday 02/08/18 | | day 2018 | | |
| # | School # Grade | | | Services | | АМ | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | АМ | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM |
| 1 | Ralph K. Støwmaker 199887766554321 1152 9 | E | М | 1 | 1 | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] | [X] | 11 | [X] | [X] | [X] | [] | [X] | [] | [X] | [] | [X] | [] | [X] | [X] | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] |
| 1 | Jim Bob Dishwasher 200112233445589 101 8 | E | М | 1 | 1 | n | 11 | 11 | L1 | n | [] | п | n | [] | n | п | L1 | п | п | п | n | [] | п | п | n | п | п |
| 1 | Bartholwww P. Singson 199887766556565 7022 9 | E | L | 54 | 1 | [X] | [] | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] | [X] | 11 | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] | [X] | П | [X] | [] | [X] | п | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] |
| 2 | Johnnie B. Goodman 200112233470597 101 8 | E | N | 1 | 1 | п | 11 | п | [] | [X] | 11 | 11 | 11 | п | 11 | п | [] | [] | 11 | [X] | [] | n | п | 1 | 11 | п | п |
| 2 | Bob E. Bowdan 199887766581567 1152 9 | E | N | 1 | 1 | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | П | [X] | [] |
| 2 | Jane C. Mocre 200112233495605 101 8 | E | F | 1 | 1 | n | L1 | [X] | п | n | 11 | [X] | n | n | 11 | п | 11 | [X] | п | L1 | n | [X] | п | п | n | n | п |
| 3 | Jack N. Jillhill 199887766606569 7022 9 | E | L | 54 | 1 | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [] | [X] | 11 | [X] | [] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [X] | [] | [X] | п | [X] | 11 | [X] | п |
| 4 | Garfield N. Odie 200112233520613 1152 8 | E | N | 1 | 1 | n | 11 | 11 | [] | n | [] | п | 11 | [X] | 11 | п | [] | 11 | 11 | 11 | [] | [] | 11 | [x] | 11 | [X] | п |
| 4 | Jim B. Fisherman 199887766631571 1152 9 | E | м | 1 | 1 | [X] | [X] | 11 | [] | п | 11 | [X] | [X] | 11 | [] | [X] | [X] | 11 | [] | п | [] | [X] | [X] | 11 | 11 | п | 11 |
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Summer School Eligibility

- Only two types of students are eligible to receive transportation funding during the summer.
 - Exceptional Education Students whose IEP requires Extended School Year Services. These can be either weighted or unweighted students.
 - DJJ students in a day treatment facility who also receive FEFP funding during the summer.
- All other Students transported during Survey 1 and Survey 4 must be reported under category "N".



Summer School

If the July or June summer school or supplemental academic instruction period is scheduled so that it takes place outside the regularly scheduled survey week window, a separate survey week must be established to cover these students. The middle day or middle week of the summer period should be used as the basis for establishment of the survey week. This effort must be coordinated with the district FTE administrator so that the same survey week is established for both FTE and Transportation reporting.



Session Crossing Survey Years

Whenever the summer session crosses two fiscal years, students must be reported in two separate surveys, one for June and one for July, with different term lengths, as applicable to the portion of the summer school session that takes place in each month. The middle day or middle week of the period should be used as the basis for establishment of the survey week. Please coordinate this effort with the district FTE administrator. Documentation of the term length for each student claimed must be maintained.



Approved Conveyances

- Districts and charter schools must maintain vehicle inventory records and written contracts or agreements to verify that vehicles claimed in daily service are one of the following:
 - B: School buses meeting Florida School bus Specifications
 - E: Passenger car or allowable multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV) owned, operated, or contracted by the school board, transporting fewer than ten students
 - P: Privately owned motor vehicle or boat (for disabled or isolated students)
 - G: General purpose transportation (city buses, trains, etc.)
- For General Purpose transportation, a list identifying students who are provided city bus passes, train vouchers, etc., must be maintained, along with other records to verify ridership and dates.
- For students claimed riding in private passenger cars or boats, the district or charter school must maintain board minutes reflecting mileage to the bus route or school, names of the students, and school attended, pursuant to Rule 6A-3.0171(11), FAC.



FDOE Post-survey Reviews

- EIS prepares reports following each survey comparing current and prior surveys' data for each district's:
 - Adjusted Base FTE students transported
 - Adjusted ESE FTE students transported
 - Buses in daily service
 - Resulting funding calculation
- EIAS report identifies variations in these data of > 5
 percent
- FDOE Offices (EIS, OFFR, STMS) contact respective local district counterparts
- Variations are outlined; explanations are requested and documented

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FDOE Post-survey Reviews

- Variations due to inaccuracy of reported data are corrected by districts
- Variations that are valid are documented as to causes
- Overall goal (and result) is accuracy of reporting and improved timeliness, and ensuring that district staff are aware of reported data
- Process ensures accountability to Legislature and others



Audit Documentation:



- Ensure retention of records to document student's home address <u>at the time</u> of the scheduled survey
- Prevent duplication of students and counting of any individual student on more than one bus or mode during survey week
- For each student document the eligibility category. Edits may be implemented to cross-check against school record.



- FDOE School Transportation: www.fldoe.org/transportation
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 Profiles
- FDOE Funding and Reporting: <u>www.fldoe.org/fefp</u>
 - Student Transportation General Instructions
- FDOE Education Information Services: <u>www.fldoe.org/eias</u>



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