



FACTS AT A GLANCE

TRANSPORTATION

Sonoma Valley Unified School District provides bus transportation to many of our students who live in the District.

Benefits of our transportation service include:

- Buses are the safest method of transportation to and from school.
- Bus transportation increases attendance and reduces tardiness.
- The use of buses to transport students reduces traffic congestion in the Valley.

Funding and Costs:

- The District receives \$463,371 in State funding to be used specifically for transportation.
- \$14,700 is collected in local funding from bus ticket sales. Students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch or for special education services pay for bus transportation.
- A contribution of \$305,844 is made from the general fund.
- We have 11 employees in transportation, or 10.84 full time equivalents.
- The District has reduced the number of employees in transportation in response to declining enrollment and other demographic shifts.

Additional Facts:

- 1200 students ride our school buses daily.
- We log in 192,865 miles in home-to-school transportation, athletic trips, and field trips.
- We have 14 bus routes.
- We have 16 buses. These 16 buses meet or exceed requirements for environmental quality.
- Bus service is available to students at all schools including some students from Sonoma Charter and Woodland Star Charter Schools.
- When possible, we transport students to and from the Valley of the Moon Children's Home and physical therapy.
- Ride times range from five to 80 minutes.
- Bus transportation is offered to elementary school students who live one mile from school, middle school students who live two miles from school, and high school students who live four miles from school.

ANALYSIS:

Transportation is a service that is valuable to students, families, and the community. If State funding earmarked for bus transportation were to be rejected, the District would not be able to obtain those funds to use for any other purpose.