

HTS Transportation Services Plan 2024- Community Input (Responses)

**Question #1 – Is there anything you believe we should consider in the area of Transportation?
¿Hay algo que crea que deberíamos considerar en el área de Transporte?**

- Response 1. - Coordination with County Connection for use of public transportation
- Response 2. - District should provide bus service to all students. If students do not qualify for the above policies, they are subject to pay for the service.
- Response 3. - The distances should be measured by the shortest road, rather than a strict geographic line. Children aren't crows, they don't fly.
- Response 4 - According to the safer routes partnership, 1.5 miles is the acceptable distance for high schoolers to walk. How should middle and high schoolers get to schools that are further away than this and still don't qualify for bussing?
- Will this plan address opening up opportunities for field trips for our students? For many students, these can be once in a lifetime experience and the costs for our own students to use MDUSD transportation is outrageous according to our site admin and teachers.
- Response 5 - Absolutely! All kids outside of the current radius should have access to free buses to and from school.
- Response 6 - Time
- Response 7 - I just wanted to let you know I really appreciate my daughter's bus driver Monica who goes above and beyond for our Hope Academy kids! I REALLY appreciate that she gives us a heads up when the schedule might vary. The last time there was a problem with the bus, the dispatch office mistakenly took us off the route and I wasn't completely caught off guard thanks to Monica.
- Response 8 - 2 o 3 veces al mes el autobús llega tarde y eso afecta mucho el aprendizaje de los estudiantes. (Two or three times a month the bus is late and that greatly affects the students' learning.)
- Response 9 - There are no school bus routes serving Strandwood Elementary School (and I believe other elementary schools in Pleasant Hill. Why? And why no school bus service for Pleasant Hill Middle School? Many families do not live within walking distance to either of these schools (including my family), and no school bus service congests the roads and also makes it unsafe for children who DO live within walking distance.
- Response 10- To decrease the heavy congestion on Viking Road which has a middle school and high school, it would be wonderful if a school bus could pick up all the children that live in the mobile homes area, Sun Valley Village and Cascade Park in Pacheco. There are so many children that live here and would certainly appreciate a bus pick at the least.

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Response 11- 2 o 3 veces al mes el autobús llega tarde y eso afecta mucho el aprendizaje de los estudiantes. (Two or three times a month the bus is late and that greatly affects the students' learning.)

Response 12 - Please provide school buses as your policy states. Transportation continues to be denied even when an elementary student lives beyond 1 1/4 mile from the school. You'll need to get creative with splitting a bus driver with another position so they can have full time income and benefits.

Question #2- Do you have any further questions or comments this review on transportation should consider? (Please note - this review is only regarding who we provide services for and how we provide them)

¿Tiene más preguntas o comentarios que esta revisión sobre transporte debería considerar? (Tenga en cuenta que esta revisión sólo se refiere a quién brindamos servicios y cómo los brindamos)

Response 1 - District transportation should hold regular meetings with all schools to arrange bus service for field trips and/or sport events. Several field trips at Sequoia Elementary in 2022 and 2023 relied on parent volunteers to commute to/from field trips, which raise concerns in safety and liability.

Response 2 - Please consider reducing those distances significantly for students eligible for reduced or free lunches. This will be (a) more equitable, and (b) give more funds to the district by bringing back incentive to fill out the free or reduced lunch forms.

Response 3 - According to the Safer Routes partnership, 1.5 miles is the acceptable distance for high schoolers to walk. How should middle and high schoolers get to school that are further away than this and still don't qualify for bussing?

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Response 4 - Adding a map, where parents can see the bus location and possibly message the bus driver as well.

Response 5 - Please consider buses for each and every student in MDUSD!

Response 6 - Yes, I would love to know why they think it's ok to pick up a child 2 hours before school scheduled time.

Response 7 - Si que se le de más importancia a la puntualidad de los autobuses. Los alumnos se estresan mucho cuando van tarde a la escuela. Yes, more importance is given to the punctuality of the buses. (Students get very stressed when they go to school late.)

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- Response 8- Add school bus stops and service to and from Strandwood Elementary School and Pleasant Hill Middle School.
- Response 9 - please consider taking other children who don't just have an IEP please. more children would get to school on time. traffic has only worsened and the road rage is seen daily.
- Response 10 - Si que se le de más importancia a la puntualidad de los autobuses. Los alumnos se estresan mucho cuando van tarde a la escuela. (Yes, more importance given to the punctuality of the buses. Students get very stressed when they go to school late.)
- Response 11 - Why does transportation keep getting denied even when your policy states you "shall" provide this. It does not say "may".