

# **Home-to-School Transportation Fee FAQ's**

**1. Who will need to pay bus fees?**

Any student who will be riding school provided transportation either in the morning or after school will need to have purchased a bus pass.

**2. My student catches the bus at an upcountry school and rides in to the high school. Will they need to have a bus pass?**

Any student who will be riding school provided transportation either in the morning or after school will need to have purchased a bus pass. Students who choose to start at a school site will still need to purchase a pass.

**3. How can I determine my closes pickup point if I don't want to take my student to a school site?**

The transportation department has all information related to pickup points and times. Additionally, there will be a transportation schedule with times and stops published in the local paper. That information will also be published on the web site when available. \*\*\*Note\*\*\* Stops are subject to change so it is best to check with transportation for complete accuracy.

**4. Do I receive a discount for paying early?**

The fee schedule allows for an early payment discount. This discount applies to the round trip annual pass, the one way AM annual pass or the one way PM annual pass. This fee must be paid by August 6, 2011 to receive the discount.

**5. Do I receive a discount for multiple students?**

The fee schedule has a built in discount. The second and third students are at a reduced rate. Beyond the third student from the same family there is no additional charge. All students from the family must be included on the same application to receive the family discount rate.

**6. How can I pay for my transportation fees?**

You must complete an application form to accompany the payment of fees. Fees may be paid by check, cash or credit card. Three methods to pay the fees are outlined below. **(1)** Include a check made payable to A.C.U.S.D. and mail with your application to: Amador County Public Schools, Transportation Office, and ATTN: Bus Fees, 545 Independence Drive, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. **(2)** Bring your application to the Transportation Department and pay in person with cash or check. The credit card option is available through the use of a terminal at the District Office and also a link from the district website (there will be a convenience fee to use the credit card option). **(3)** Mail a completed application form to the above address and attach a copy of proof that you have paid via an online transaction.

**7. What is the amount of the convenience fee?**

The convenience fee will be a flat fee of \$4.00.

**8. Why is the district charging a convenience fee to use a credit card?**

The school district is charged a fee by the credit card companies for processing the credit card transactions. The district is only charging a fee that would recover a portion of the fee charged by the credit card company for this service. The district does not receive any extra monies by charging this convenience fee.

**9. I have a student that requires round trip transportation and a kindergartener that only receives one-way transportation. How would I determine my transportation fee for the family?**

Calculate the fee first as it relates to the number of students that will be using round trip transportation. Then take the difference between that number of students and the next level. (The rates in the example are early bird rates and may be different for your students. The Transportation office can provide exact amounts.)

Example #1 – 1 round trip student and 1 kindergartener

Student #1 – 1 round trip - \$125

Student #2 – 1 one-way trip - \$115 less \$75 = \$40

Family total = \$165

Example #2 – 2 round trip students and 1 kindergartener.

Student #1 & Student #2 – 2 round trip - \$200

Student #3 – 1 one-way trip - \$135 less \$115 = \$20

Family total = \$220

**10. I have a student that participates in athletics but they drive to school. Will I need to purchase a bus pass?**

The bus pass is only for home-to-school transportation. Transportation of athletes to athletic events does not require a bus pass.

**11. My student walks to school. Their class is planning a field trip during the school day to an offsite location. Will my student need a bus pass?**

The bus pass is only required for home-to-school transportation. No bus pass will be required for your student to be transported during a school provided field trip.

**12. My student attends school at one site but attends afterschool ELP as a different site because that service is not offered at their current school. Will they need to have a bus pass?**

There is no bus pass required for your student if they will be transported directly after school from one school site to another to attend afterschool ELP at the other site.

**13. My student is transported to an afterschool daycare program. Will they need to have a bus pass?**

If your student is not attending an afterschool program affiliated with Amador County Public Schools, you would need to purchase a bus pass for that transportation.

**14. I qualify for free or reduced meals at school. Can I just use the same form to apply for free or reduced transportation fees that I use for the meal program?**

Transportation fees are treated as a separate program. You must fill out a separate application to receive free or reduced transportation fees. The free or reduced income verification information is located on the application form. You will also need to attach written documentation to support your information at the time the application is submitted. The transportation office will determine the fees based on documentation submitted.

**15. I am moving out of the district in the future. Can I receive a refund?**

You may request a refund from the district by submitting a written request. There is a form available at the transportation office. The old pass must accompany the refund request. The refund will be prorated based on the number of quarters the student was enrolled in the District and able to utilize services.

**16. My student was kicked off the bus for inappropriate behavior. Can I receive a refund?**

Refunds will not be provided when the student has had their transportation privileges revoked due to inappropriate behavior or as the result of board action towards the student.

**17. Why was my student denied transportation service?**

Refer to the transportation website for the bus rules. Information regarding this issue is contained in that document.

**18. How will I get my bus pass?**

Your bus pass will be provided upon receipt of the application and the fees. If those are received by mail or online, your bus pass will be mailed to you by the transportation office within one week after receiving the completed application and appropriate funds.