



**Office of the Superintendent**

**DATE: March 5th, 2026**

**AGENDA TOPICS: WUSD Transportation Plan**

**PRESENTER: Michelle O'Dell**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Per Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1, as a condition of receiving apportionments for Transportation Services (under EC Section 41850.1) a local educational agency (LEA) shall develop a plan describing the transportation services. The plan shall be presented and adopted by the governing board of the LEA in an open meeting with the opportunity for public comment. The plan may provide for the LEA to partner with a municipally owned transit system to provide services pursuant to this section to middle school and high school pupils. Nothing in this LEA plan shall preclude a LEA from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

Consultation with educational partners included Glenn County Air Pollution Control District (2/18/26), the DELAC Family Voices Survey (10/31/25), DELAC Meeting Focus Group (11/18/25), LCAP Advisory (2/11/26), the Curriculum Advisory Committee (2/25/26), and the Glenn County Air Pollution Control District (2/23/26).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval.

**Thank you!**

# **Willows Unified School District Transportation Plan 2025-26**

## **Transportation Services:**

1. Enter description of transportation services offered to pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 - 6 inclusive and pupils who are low income. Plan may provide for the LEA to partner with municipally owned transit system to provide services to middle and high school students. An LEA may provide no-cost transit passes to students.

Willows Unified School District (WUSD) provides transportation services to all enrolled students residing in our district at no cost. These essential services are provided through the WUSD transportation fleet, consisting of 5 buses and 9 passenger vans. All district transportation services in support of the educational activities of the schools, including curricular, extra-curricular, and athletic trips for students; are provided free of cost to our students.

Serving an area that encompasses the greater south central expanse of Glenn County, the WUSD transportation fleet covers approximately 315 miles per day with 3 bus routes and 3 van routes, transporting an average of 300 students, in our morning and afternoon transportation services. This includes students who may reside outside of the district, who are on an inter-district transfer, but remain eligible to participate in free transportation by accessing a bus route at a designated stop within the district boundary that best meets the needs of the student. In addition, Glenn County Office of Education SELPA offers transportation for eligible WUSD students.

WUSD closely monitors district enrollment to provide the safest and most cost-efficient way of home-to-school transportation. The Board annually approves bus routes according to our students' needs throughout the district. Transportation is provided at no cost in all grades, TK-12, including Unduplicated Pupils (homeless/foster youth, English Language Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities), as well as to students with disabilities and homeless students. In addition to district services, accommodations are available for students at no cost, as applicable, with the local transit service (Glenn Ride).

2. Enter description of LEA's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.

Willows Unified School District (WUSD) offers transportation services to meet the needs of all students, including our Unduplicated Students (homeless/foster youth, English Language Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities), in the least restrictive environment and at no cost to students. In addition, transportation tailored to meet the needs of students with disabilities is provided in accordance with the students' Individualized Education Plan, at no cost to the student. This includes services to students with special needs that require/meet the criteria for services of severely disabled and/or non-ambulatory students. WUSD currently contracts with the local County Office of Education SELPA to provide ambulatory services to those students needing transportation. For students who are homeless and/or foster youth, transportation is coordinated and provided to ensure seamless services.

WUSD also provides transportation services in support of activity trips that support the educational activities of each school site, including extra-curricular and athletic trips for all students, including Unduplicated Students

(homeless/foster youth, English Language Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities) at no cost.

3. Enter description of how unduplicated pupils, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no-cost to the pupils

Willows Unified School District (WUSD) offers transportation to all students enrolled in our district, TK-12 and including Unduplicated Students (homeless/foster youth, English Language Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities), at no cost. During the enrollment process at WUSD, parents and guardians are notified of available transportation services, including available options to best meet the needs of the student. Parents have the option to use transportation services as needed.

**Consultations:**

Enter description of the required plan consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils and other stakeholders.

The Transportation Plan has been developed in consultation with Willows Unified School District (WUSD) educational partners, capitalizing on the DELAC Family Voices Survey (10/31/25), DELAC Focus Group Responses (11/18/25), LCAP Advisory (2/11/26), and the Curriculum Advisory Committee (2/25/26) meetings and to gather input. In addition, this collaborative effort included consultation with Glenn County Air Pollution Control District (2/23/26).

<b>Revenue Calculation</b>		
Total 2024-25 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)		491,952.58
Less Capital Outlay (object 6XXX, Function 3600)		97,538.90
Less Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)		-
Estimated 60% Reimbursement		236,648.21
Less 2024-25 Transportation add-on (from LCFF Calculator)		132,704.00
<b>Total Revenue (Object 8590, Resource 0000)</b>		<b>103,944.21</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>		
2000-2999 - Classified Salaries		215,206.18
3000-3999 - Employee Benefits		94,181.28
4000-4999 - Books and Supplies		85,034.04
5000-5999 - Services and other Operating Expenditures		(7.82)
6000-6999 - Capital Outlay		97,538.90
7000-7999 - Other Outgo		-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>491,952.58</b>