



## TWO ROCK UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2024-25



#### The Plan

Staff have worked to develop the Transportation Plan for Two Rock Union School District in accordance with the State requirements under AB 185. This plan includes the following components:

- Introduction
- Our District
- Description of Transportation Services
- Description of Transportation Services for Pupils with Disabilities, Homeless Children, and Foster Youth
- Description of How Unduplicated Students Are Able to Access Available Home-to-School Transportation at No Cost to the Students
- Description of How The Plan Was Developed in Consultation With Major Interested Parties, Including Classified Staff, Teachers, School Administrators, Regional Local Transit Authorities, Local Air Pollution Control District and Air Quality Management Districts, Parents, Pupils and Other Stakeholders.
- Transportation Services Allowance Calculation (2021-22 Fiscal Year)

A copy of the plan has been posted on the website, the District has provided a copy of the plan for review to the Two Rock Educators Association, and CSEA, who can then review and negotiate any impacts of the plan.

A presentation of Transportation Services will be provided to the Board March 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the Transportation Plan and this will provide the public and the Board of Trustees with the opportunity for input on the Plan prior to approval.

## ***Introduction:***

Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by Assembly Bill (AB) 181 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) and amended by AB 185 (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2022). It provides for a limited amount of reimbursement (up to 60%) funding for school districts and county office of education based a calculation that includes the prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula transportation related add-on funding.

As a condition of receiving these reimbursements, and in accordance with California Education Code (EC) Section 39800, each Local Educational Agency (LEA) must develop and bring a Transportation Plan for review and approval by the Governing Board no later than April 1 of each year beginning in 2023.

*California Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1 (a) As a condition of receiving apportionments under Section 41850.1, a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, and how it will prioritize planned transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income. The plan shall be adopted by the local educational agency's governing board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year thereafter.*

*California Education Code (EC) Section 41850.1 (c) The department shall annually collect and publish transportation data from each local educational agency providing pupil transportation services and that receives an apportionment pursuant to this section. The data shall encompass ridership, miles driven, expenditure details, the number of pupils transported, the demographic characteristics of pupils transported, including race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and other data facilitating comparisons among local educational agencies. The department shall determine the specific data elements in consultation with the Legislature and with local experts, including the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team established pursuant to Section 42127.8.*

Historically, and prior to the implementation of the LCFF, Public School Districts received State funding for both Home-to-School Transportation and Special Education Transportation in the form of restricted categoricals. These restricted funds were intended only to support pupil transportation and Districts annually reported on revenues and pupil transportation expenditures and other related information on the TRAN Form 141.

During the recession of 2008, most State categorical funds were reduced by 20% and Districts were given full flexibility to use these funds to balance District budgets during the significant financial downturn and State Budget crisis. Eventually in 2012, with the creation and implementation of the LCFF, many State categoricals were rolled into the LCFF funding model at the lower 80% value. This included State Pupil Transportation funding and the reporting requirements were eliminated.

For Two Rock, ***and*** the majority of other Small elementary School Districts in Petaluma who feed into the PCS system, the HTS and Special Education transportation apportionments were turned over to Petaluma City Schools (PCS) who continues to receive the benefit of these funds in their LCFF base allocations. For Two Rock, the amount was \$3,146.

This decision was made due to the fluctuating needs for transportation in the very small Districts. Under the former pupil transportation programs, the funding was "use it or lose it" and this was a way to preserve the overall funding for Petaluma. Small Districts were to receive the benefit of these funds when invoiced for Transportation services by PCS.

### ***Our District:***

#### **Two Rock Valley**

Two Rock Valley was given its name because of the two prominent grey stones standing a few feet apart on a gentle slope above the Petaluma-Bloomfield highway. Two Rock was originally called "Dos Piedras". A band of tribal hunters first carved a trail between the rocks. The trail was later used by the Russians and Spanish. The rocks became landmarks on the trail from Mission San Rafael to Bodega and Fort Ross. Being a natural landmark, they became "cornerstones" for large Mexican land grants.

#### **US Army and US Coast Guard Training Center History**

The Two Rock Ranch Station was established by the War Department in August 1942, after acquiring 876 acres of ranch at a price of \$94,344.00. During WWII, the U.S. Army used the site as a communications station. The Army retained the original ranch structure to camouflage its military status. False furrows were graded around the operations area to make the ranch look like any other ranch from the air. More structures were added by the Army during the 1950's and 1960's. On July 1, 1971, the Army transferred the "ranch" to the U.S. Coast Guard to be used as a training center.

#### **The District**

Originally, three separate schools served the Two Rock community. Iowa School, the first public school in Sonoma County, was established in 1852; Walker School in 1876; and Two Rock School in 1885. The three schools were unified under one school board of trustees in 1919. In 1952, the present site was chosen for the unification of these schools into one location. Two Rock Union School was built on five acres deeded to the district by the U.S. Government at a total cost of \$61,588.00. Additional rooms and property have been added periodically

#### **Description of Transportation Services**

Two Rock does not provide any in-house Pupil Transportation Services. They currently contract with Petaluma City Schools to provide Special Education Transportation Services. No Home to School Transportation is provided.

#### **Description of Transportation Services for Pupils with Disabilities, Homeless Children, and Foster Youth**

Two Rock Union School District provides Pupil Transportation for students with Special Needs and whose IEP (Individual Education Plan) includes transportation services. This mainly applies to students who attend a Non-Public School (NPS) or a South County

Consortium classroom housed on the campus of another School District in Petaluma. They also provide transportation services for Foster Youth and/or Homeless Children as required by law.

**Description of How Unduplicated Students Are Able to Access Available Home-to-School Transportation at No Cost to the Students**

As a one-school rural School District, there is no need for this service as all students attend Two Rock Elementary live within the boundaries of the school.

**Description of How the Plan Was Developed in Consultation With Major Interested Parties, Including Classified Staff, Teachers, School Administrators, Regional Local Transit Authorities, Local Air Pollution Control District and Air Quality Management Districts, Parents, Pupils and Other Stakeholders.**

A draft copy of the plan was shared with both TREA and CSEA and the US Coastguard Base Liaison in order to provide them with an opportunity to give input. Other stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to give input at the Board Meeting.

**Transportation Services Calculation**

**Transportation Services Allowance Data**

A.	Total 2023-24 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$28,616.60
B.	Less Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	\$0
C.	Less Non-Agency Expenditures (Goal 7110, 7150, Function 3600)	\$0
D.	Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$17,170
E.	Less 2023-24 Transportation Add-on From LCFF for Two Rock	<u>\$0</u>

**Total Home To School Transportation Reimbursement** **\$17,170**

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