

Final Reporting Tool For Transportation Safety Net Funding

The 2023-25 biennial budget (ESSB 5187) provided \$13,000,000 for transportation safety net in each of the 2024 and 2025 state fiscal years. Transportation safety net funding shall only be provided when a school district's allowable transportation expenditures attributable to serving special passengers exceeds the amount allocated under section (2)(a) of this section and any excess transportation costs reimbursed by federal, state, tribal, or local child welfare agencies.

How to use this tool (Section 1)

Step #

Section 1 General Information

1 School District/LEA Name: Click on Cell to Access Drop Down on Right ---->

(auto) Eligible Districts will see this -----> Eligible - Continue Below

(auto) Ineligible Districts will see this -----> Not Eligible - Do Not Proceed

****If your district is not eligible, then the form will not allow you to represent excess costs. Do not proceed.**

If your district was funded at their actual adjusted expenditures, you have no unfunded excess cost. Therefore, you are not eligible for these dollars.

(auto) Allocation Per Basic Rider (Auto Fill): <----- This will auto fill based on data reported by your district.

Enter the total count of students transported in each special rider category for the 2022-23 school year.
 Total count of students should be the average of the fall 2022, winter 2023, and spring 2023 counts for special passengers: divided by 2.

2	Students with Disabilities (District Input)	Enter Student Count Here	<Section 2>
3	McKinney Vento (District Input)	Enter Student Count Here	<Section 3>
4	Foster Care (District Input)	Enter Student Count Here	<Section 4>

5 For each of sections 2, 3, and 4 you are to report your total cost per special passenger group by activity and NCES Code. The form will populate a cost per rider for each line item for which you report cost for that specific special passenger group. If you click on a blank cell under the activity heading, the dropdown menu of options will appear. The activity name field will auto populate with your dropdown selection. If you click on a blank cell under the NCES Code Description the dropdown menu of options will appear.

Section 2 Excess Costs for Students with Disabilities					
			Enrollment (Cell E10 Above)	-	
	Activity	Activity Name (Auto-Fill)	NCES Code Description--Select from Dropdown Menu	Total Cost (District Input)	Cost Per Rider (Calculated Field)
Row 1		<--Select Here			
Row 2		<--Select Here			

6 The excess cost for each separate special passenger group will calculate at the bottom of sections 2, 3, and 4, respectively. The bottom line on the table shown below labeled "Total Excess Costs for Students with Disabilities" will be included in summary table at the bottom of the page.

Total Cost Per Rider for Students with Disabilities	\$0.00
Allocation Per Basic Rider (Cell E8 Above)	N/A - Not Eligible
Excess Cost Per Rider for Students with Disabilities	\$0.00
Total Excess Costs for Students With Disabilities	\$0.00

7 The bottom table will show the total special passenger excess cost from the tables above and compare that to the amount that the district was underfunded for the 2022-23 school year. The district's maximum possible payment will be the lesser of those two values.

Total Special Passenger Excess Cost for to Access Drop Down	\$0.00
Total Maximum Eligibility (Dollar Amount Underfunded for SY 2022-23)	\$0.00
Maximum Possible Payment is the lesser of A or B*	\$0.00
*This amount is not a guaranteed payment. OSPI will confirm final payment amount by February 20, 2024. Statewide payments must be less than \$13 million.	

8 If total state claims exceed the \$13,000,000 available for this purpose, OSPI will prorate the awards so that each eligible district receives a partial reimbursement of their excess costs.