



Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Financial Resources

2025–26 Transportation Depreciation Allocation Estimates Now Available

In accordance with the 2026 supplemental budget, OSPI has revised the depreciation payment estimates for the 2025–26 school year. As a reminder, the Legislature made two significant changes: (1) Extended the useful life of school buses to 10 years for class A and 15 years for all other vehicles; and (2) For zero emission school buses, the depreciation calculation requires the use of 33% of the low bid price for the bus category. These two changes resulted in a reduction of appropriation authority of approximately \$25.7 million from the Legislature’s original estimate.

OSPI will need to adopt emergency rules to implement the legislative changes and approximate the dollar value reduction intended in the budget.

The updated estimates based on OSPI’s intended rule changes can be found on OSPI’s SAFS webpage as an [apportionment attachment](#) for the 2025–26 school year. OSPI does not expect that these amounts will change unless an error or omission in the calculation is identified prior to distribution.

For more information or questions regarding the funding allocation, please contact Patti Enbody at patti.enbody@k12.wa.us. For information about the payment distribution through apportionment, please contact Jackie McDonald at jackie.mcdonald@k12.wa.us.

2025–26 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards High Poverty School Bonuses

For the 2025–26 school year, high poverty schools are defined below using the October 1, 2024, free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) percentages, reported through the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS):

- Elementary schools with at least 70 percent FRPL
- Middle schools with at least 60 percent FRPL
- High schools with at least 50 percent FRPL

[Schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\)](#) or [Provision 2](#) may be designated as high poverty schools if the school was a high poverty school based on FRPL percentage in either of the two school years immediately prior to participation in CEP.

Teachers in qualifying high poverty schools will receive sixty percent of the additional bonus of \$5,000 for a total of up to \$3,000.

Districts wishing to appeal a school's eligibility designation for the high poverty schools bonus must be able to provide evidence that the FRPL percentage in CEDARS is inaccurate and must correct the CEDARS October 1, 2024 data, used to identify high poverty schools, by **May 31**. School district appeals must be emailed to SAFS@k12.wa.us by **May 31** for consideration. Final determination of appeals will be made by **June 15**. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will not consider appeals from individuals or individual schools.

Questions? Check out our website at www.ospi.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-apportionment. Or:

- Email: safs@k12.wa.us
- Phone: 360-725-6300
- The OSPI [Telecommunication Relay Services](#) number is 711 or 1-800-833-6384

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