

Harding County School District Transportation & Mileage

Transportation is provided by the school district to students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade who live within the district and more than 5 miles from the nearest school. Districts provide this in a variety of ways including bussing, mileage paid to parents, or room & board in lieu of mileage.

Bussing

Harding County School District will provide a bus or other transportation services when and where available. If a bus/van is available for your child(ren), mileage will not be paid, unless the bus stop is more than 5 miles from your residence by publicly traveled road (no driveways). In these instances, mileage will be paid to the bus stop only.

Mileage Paid to Parents

In areas where there is no bus/van route, mileage will be paid to parents. A family may receive reimbursement for up to two round trips per day. If a parent works in Buffalo, the family will only be eligible for one round trip per day for the days the parent works in town.

Room & Board

This compensation is in effect when the family moves to Buffalo during school months and the total cost of the room and board is less than or equal to the cost of mileage if a bus is not provided. Elementary student room and board is paid at \$150 per month for maximum of 9 months for the first child and \$75 per month for each additional child to a maximum of \$300 per month.

Mileage Calculation

Mileage is calculated as the shortest route from the family residence to the nearest school by publicly traveled roads (no driveways) in excess of five miles.

Example: The Jones family lives 15 miles from Buffalo and makes two trips to town each day. Their children were in school for 138 days during the school year.

$$\begin{aligned} 15 \text{ miles} - 5 \text{ miles} &= 10 \text{ miles} \times 4 \text{ trips} = 40 \text{ miles per day} \\ 40 \text{ miles} \times 138 \text{ days} \times \$0.67 \text{ per mile} &= \$3,698.40 \end{aligned}$$

Additional Notes

- Mileage reimbursements are paid in June following each school year. Vouchers are mailed the first week of May each year to all eligible families. If a family is eligible and does not receive a voucher, they should contact the school business office. All vouchers need to be received by the business office no later than June 30th or they will not be paid.
- The reimbursement rate is set at the state mileage rate, currently \$0.67 per mile and will be updated when the state updates its rates.
- Carpool reimbursement rate is currently \$0.70 per mile. If children from more than one family are transported in the same vehicle mileage payments shall be paid to only one family. The school board may authorize additional miles if prior approval is obtained to facilitate cooperative efforts among families to share transportation duties. Carpool vouchers are available by contacting the business manager.
- Reimbursement will only be paid for days when students are in school or at a school sanctioned event (i.e. spelling bee).
- Mileage can be claimed for days that a bus/van does not run (i.e. due to weather or no driver).