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BULLETIN NO. 055-19 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
    Chief School District Superintendents
    School District Assistant Superintendents for Business and/or
    Business Managers
    School District Transportation Administrators
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RE: 2019–20 School Year, Required Student Transportation Operations

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides information for all required school district and educational service district (ESD) student transportation operations reports. As required by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.160.170, each school district must submit to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) the operational data necessary to determine each school district’s transportation operations allocation. All data is required to be submitted using the Student Transportation Allocation Reporting System (STARS) on the Education Data System (EDS) application.

STARS consist of two types of reports: 1) the data required to calculate the district’s operation allocation, and 2) non-funding data required specifically by statute. The fall report is due October 31, 2019 and consists of operational data and non-funding reports. There is a winter report due on February 3, 2020 and a spring report due on May 1, 2020. The winter and spring reports consist of operational data.

DATA COLLECTION ELEMENTS

1. **Student Ridership Data.** School districts are required to report the total daily number of students riding the school bus on home-to-school routes in the morning and school-to-home routes in the afternoon. The school district selects a count period of three consecutive school days. The total daily student count of those three days shall be compared, the high and low values thrown out and the middle value is reported. School bus drivers must fill out a school bus route count sheet (Form SPI 1022D, optional) or data may be collected electronically. All school bus route count records must be maintained in the school district in accordance with the school district’s retention schedule and are not to be submitted to OSPI.
2. **School Bus Route Data.** School districts are required to provide the location of all school bus stops and associated destinations. For the fall report, all AM routes must be reported and any out-of-district destinations or out-of-district school bus stops in the PM that are not reflected in the AM route data. For the winter and spring reports, route data must be updated for all out-of-district school bus stops or destinations. Route information is only required to reflect data accurate on any day within the report period. It is not required to have the route data reflect the stops current on the student count day.

3. **Non-Funding Reports.** School districts are required to provide an annual report of total school bus mileage, an annual report of the total quantity and cost of fuel purchased for to-and-from school transportation, and the annual cost, mileage and number of students provided with transportation under the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These reports will summarize the data resulting from student transportation operations during the 2018–19 school year.

An Excel workbook to assist district staff in calculating the mileage and fuel reports is available online by clicking on “Other (Optional) Forms” at [Fuel and Mileage Workbook](#).

**VERIFICATION OF RIDERSHIP DATA SUBMITTED**

OSPI Form 1022E is provided in three separate versions: 1022EF, 1022EW, and 1022ES. These correspond to the fall, winter and spring reports. The report is an editable PDF and is emailed to the regional transportation coordinator. The district should print a copy of 1022E and should keep it as documentation of the count period and day selected for reporting.

**DATA COLLECTING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All data collection must be completed in sufficient time to submit the required reports by **October 31, 2019**. The student count period must not be within five school days of the end of the reporting period.

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND (OPTIONAL) DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

Additional instructions, detailed guidance, and optional data collection forms are attached. Care should be taken to ensure appropriate data is submitted in accordance with the specific instructions supplied with this year’s forms. **All reports are required. Use of the provided forms is optional.**

**WORKSHOPS**

Workshops providing detailed instructions will be conducted statewide during September. Each regional transportation coordinator will announce the dates and locations of these workshops.
Information necessary for the completion of this report will be distributed at these workshops and is available online at the Student Transportation Forms website. Questions or concerns should be directed to the respective regional transportation coordinator.

Regional transportation coordinators will be available to assist school districts with the forms and method of reporting. Additional workshops will be conducted during the winter and spring report periods to provide detailed guidance for completing the winter and spring reports.

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**TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATION REPORT**

After the data collected from the student transportation winter report is processed, each district’s transportation allocation will be updated and available online no later than February 18, 2020, at STARS Operations Allocation Detail Report. It is the district’s responsibility to ensure the student count data, route data, and district car mileages in STARS accurately reflect the data submitted in the fall and winter reports. If a district’s transportation allocation report is not correct, please contact your regional transportation coordinator.
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Questions concerning the transportation reports in this bulletin and general questions regarding transportation reporting requirements may be directed to Patti Enbody, Director of Student Transportation, at 360-725-6122 or patti.enbody@k12.wa.us.

This information is also available on OSPI’s Bulletins website. The agency TTY number is 360-664-3631

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Attachment 1 – General Instructions for the Student Transportation Operations Report
Attachment 2 – Detailed Guidance for the Student Transportation Operations Report
Form 1 – SPI 1022A School Bus Route and Bus Stop Location Form (optional)
Form 2 – SPI 1022A Long School Bus Route and Bus Stop Location Form (optional)
Form 3 – SPI 1022CM District Car Mileage Log (optional)
Form 4 – SPI 1022CS District Car Student Count Form (optional)
Form 5 – SPI 1022EF Verification of Ridership Data Submitted
Form 6 – SPI 1022EW Verification of Ridership Data Submitted
Form 7 – SPI 1022ES Verification of Ridership Data Submitted
Form 8 – SPI 1022D Student Count Form (optional)
Form 9 – SPI 1022G McKinney–Vento Transportation Worksheet (optional)

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