
Approval of Paid Bus Rider Fees for 2025-26

Background:

In Illinois, school districts are generally required to provide free transportation to students who live 1.5 miles or more from their assigned school. However, even if a student lives within 1.5 miles, transportation may be provided if walking conditions pose a serious hazard.

While nearly all students attending Benjamin Middle School reside at addresses requiring free transportation, many students attending Evergreen Elementary School live within 1.5 miles of the school and do not qualify for free transportation services. However, students who live within 1.5 miles of the school and do not have a hazard-free walking path to school can purchase daily transportation.

Rates:

Current paid bus rider fees are \$322.40 for one-way transportation to or from school and \$644.80 for round-trip service. Since the District's contract for the 2025-26 school year will increase by 5%, the administration requests approval to set paid rider fees for the 2025-26 school year at \$338.52 for one-way service and \$677.04 for round-trip service.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board establish paid bus rider fees for the 2025-26 school year at a rate of \$338.50 for one-way transportation and \$677.04 for round-trip transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

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