



**ACES Collaborative for
Regionalized Out-of-District
Special Education Transportation Services**

Goal: Create cost-savings for districts through a collaborative for regionalized transportation to out-of-district special education placement sites

Service: ACES will manage the provision of special education transportation services to non-ACES outplacement sites on behalf of districts.

The service will include:

1. collecting all necessary student information and outplacement information from the District;
2. developing routes for bidding out to special education transportation service providers;
3. brokering and contracting with those providers on behalf of the District; and
4. managing those contracts on a daily basis, including fielding parent calls and concerns, adjusting routes as necessary, and communicating with outplacement sites as necessary;
5. hiring aides to staff all runs;
6. training all drivers and aides regarding students with special needs;
7. maintaining and supplying records to the District for the purpose of Excess Cost and Medicaid reimbursement; and
8. conducting orientations for parents of participating students.



2018-19 Pilot

- Start date for student transportation: Opening day of 2018-19 school year
- End date for student transportation: Final day of 2018-19 school year (ESY negotiable)
- Outplacement sites: Six pilot sites identified in collaboration with partner districts, with additional sites available upon request
- Implementation Timeline:
 - *February 28, 2018* – Student information for 2018-19 confirmed
 - *March 15, 2018* – Proposed runs produced
 - *April 6, 2018* – Proposed costs shared with district partners
 - *May 30, 2018* – Final opt-out date for district participation
 - *Summer 2018* – Runs, costs and fees finalized; aides hired; drivers and aides trained
 - *August 2018* – Orientation for families; any needed equipment installed on vehicles and drivers trained in its use
 - *Start of school year, August 2018 (specific dates may vary)* – Student transportation commences
 - *August 2018 – June 2019* – ACES manages daily service
 - *Quarterly (or more as needed), 2018 through 2019* – Ongoing collaborative meetings among partner districts and ACES