

POLICY 2215

Transportation - Living and Transportation Allowances

- A. Parents whose high school aged (10–12) students do not have school facilities and/or appropriate grade level educational programs (as determined by the Superintendent) available within 60 miles of their regularly established homes and are not provided bus transportation, are eligible to be paid a living and transportation allowance according to the following guidelines:
1. The parents of the student(s) must be residents of Box Elder County and maintain their residency within the county throughout the school year.
 2. The amount of the living allowance will be the same as the daily rate established by The Division of Family Services for foster or substitute care. The number of days available for allowance is 222 days annually. This equals 180 school days plus 42 weekend days. In a typical year school is held for 39 weeks and students are reimbursed to travel home 18 times (see item 4 below). This results in living allowance paid for 21 weeks or 42 weekend days.
 3. The amount of transportation allowance will be based on one of the two following criteria, which ever is the least distance:
 - a. Highway mileage over the most direct route from home to the chosen school, or
 - b. Highway mileage over the most direct route to the secondary school within the district located the least distance from home.
- (Reference [Policy 2214 Transportation: "In Lieu of" Allowance](#))
4. A maximum of eighteen (18) actual round trips from home to the assigned school are eligible for payment per school year. The number of trips will be prorated if the student attends less than a full year.
 5. If more than one child per family qualifies for living and transportation allowances, the first child will receive full reimbursement for the living and transportation allowance as noted above. However, each additional child may have a reduced benefit as follows:
 - a. If living in the same household, each additional child will receive a living allowance that is equal to one-half of the living allowance given to the first child.

- b. If living in the same community as the first child but in a different household, each additional child will receive the full living allowance and a transportation allowance for one-half the eligible round trips (nine for an entire year) annually up to a maximum of thirty-six trips.
 - c. If living in a different community and attending a different high school than the first child, an additional child would receive the full living and transportation allowance.
6. The rate per mile will be the same as the IRS rate unless the State establishes a reimbursement rate less than the IRS rate. If this happens, the rate will be the State reimbursement rate.
7. Subsistence allowance is not applicable to a parent who maintains a separate home during the school year for any other primary reason than for the student to attend school.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-600-7\(9\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)