

AB 181 Home to School Transportation Plan

County-District-School Code	Local Educational Agency (LEA)	Local Board Approval Date
41-68999-0000000	Ravenswood City School District	March 23, 2023

This plan shall be adopted by the local educational agency's governing board on or before April 1, 2023, and updated by April 1 each year thereafter.

Describe the transportation services the LEA will offer to its pupils:

The Ravenswood City School District Transportation Department provides bus transportation services to our TK-8th grade students before and after school, at no cost to students or families. The full scheduled bus route to and from each school takes up to, at most, one hour, though the actual times may vary depending on the traffic and other factors. We have provided information on our posted bus stops, ways to sign up for transportation, and other contact information on the district website.

Please refer to Board Policy 3540 "Transportation"; Regulation 3540 "Transportation"; Regulation 3541 "Transportation Routes And Services"; Regulation 3543 "Transportation Safety And Emergencies"; and to the "Comprehensive School Safety Plan" for each school, which describes procedures for the safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents, and employees to and from school site.

Describe how the LEA prioritizes its planned transportation services for pupils in grades TK-6 (inclusive) and pupils who are low income:

Almost 100% of Ravenswood's students are eligible under this categorization, and therefore it is very important that we plan for transportation services between home and school that meet our student's needs. Approximately 25% of students have opted to use our school bus service, and there is currently no waitlist. There are very limited instances where a bus route may be full, and is not able to be provided to some students. In those rare situations, we would first prioritize access for students in grades TK-6th grade, and students identified socioeconomically disadvantaged. When there are more spaces available on that route, we would once again ensure we meet the needs of all students. We also provide SamTrans bus passes to middle schoolers through the Youth Unlimited Program.

Describe the LEA's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.):

Appropriate transportation services are provided, at no cost for families, for students with disabilities, as specified in their IEP or accommodation plan. There are specific criteria in place and procedures to follow, for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation based on their identified needs. Ravenswood also coordinates with other agencies and entities to ensure that homeless children and youth are promptly identified and have access to education, which often includes the provision of transportation to and from the student's school of origin.

Please refer to Regulation 3541 "Transportation Routes And Services"; Board Policy 3541.2 "Transportation For Students With Disabilities"; Regulation 3541.2 "Transportation For Students With Disabilities"; Board Policy 6173 "Education For Homeless Children"; and Regulation 6173 "Education For Homeless Children".

Describe how unduplicated pupils, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02, would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils:

All Ravenswood transportation services are offered at no cost to students.

Please refer to Board Policy 3250 "Transportation Fees"; Regulation 3250 "Transportation Fees"; and Regulation 6173.1 "Education For Foster Youth".

This plan shall be developed in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other community and educational partners:

Our local regional transit authority is "SamTrans". Our local air pollution control district and air quality management district is "Bay Area Air Quality Management District". Both agencies were consulted with, as facilitated by the San Mateo County Office of Education. Bay Area Air Quality Management District has provided a public website page that states "The Air District does not review these [transportation] plans... School districts that receive and consider the information provided on this web page are considered to have consulted adequately with the Air District". The webpage provides links to three different funding opportunities that may support a district's plan, as applicable, focusing on zero-emissions buses and electric vehicle charging. At the consultation meeting held virtually on January 31, 2023, SamTrans shared information about their existing passes, fares, and programs (eg. Youth Unlimited Program, Way2Go, Eligible Discount), and also provided links to other resources, such as the ClipperStart program that is run by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). There was also some discussion around bus scheduling / timetables, to help facilitate students who use those public services arriving on time to school.

Classified Staff, Teachers, School Administrators, Parents, Pupils, and Other Community and Educational Partners have been provided with consultation opportunities at various meetings, including the DAC/DELAC (District Advisory Council / District English Learner Advisory Committee), through our engagement with the Safe Routes to School program, and other school site based communications.

This plan was presented, and considered for adoption, in an open board meeting with the opportunity for both in-person and remote public comment.

Please refer to Board Policy 5142.2 "Safe Routes To School Program"; and Regulation 5142.2 "Safe Routes To School Program"