Calculating Bus Costs Worksheet

Details

• Dallas County Schools buses cost $40/hour with a two (2) hour minimum and $40 for every additional hour.

• Bus times are clocked from the time a bus leaves to the time it returns to a bus lot.

• Dallas ISD requires one (1) chaperone for every 10 students. Are required chaperones riding on the bus?

• 55 passengers can fit on one (1) bus. Learning Partners cannot approve transportation funding that does not follow this guideline.

• Special Education students who require special transportation utilize lift buses, which may hold only one (1) child per bus.

• Learning Partners cannot make partial transportation payments; it is all or nothing.

• The earliest a bus can pick up students is 9:45 a.m.

• Students must return to school before 2:00 p.m.

Your Site Coordinator Team will review past years’ bus amounts and the calculations on this worksheet to determine how much funding will be approved on a voucher.

STEP #1: Determine # of Passengers*

\[
\text{# of students} + \text{# of teachers} + \text{# of chaperones} = \text{total # of passengers}
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(*Remember the required 1 adult per 10 child ratio*)

STEP #2: Calculate # of Buses

For grades K-5th: \[
\frac{\text{total # of passengers}}{55} = \text{# of buses}
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STEP #3: Calculate # of Hours per Bus

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\text{# of program hours} + \text{# of hours travel} + 1 = \text{total # of hours per bus}
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STEP #4: Multiply # of Buses by # of Hours per Bus by $40

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\frac{\text{# of buses}}{\text{# of hours per bus}} \times \frac{\$40}{\text{bus rate}} = \text{total estimated bus cost}
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