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*

_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
# of students		*# of teachers*		*# of chaperones*		*total # of passengers*

(*Remember the required 1 adult per 10 child ratio*)

STEP #2: Calculate # of Buses

For grades K-5th:	_____	÷	55	=	_____
	total # of passengers		*passengers per Bus*		*# of buses*

STEP #3: Calculate # of Hours per Bus

_____	+	_____	+	1	=	_____
# of program hours		*# of hours travel time to/from program*		*one (1) hour for bus lot to school travel time*		*total # of hours per bus*

STEP #4: Multiply # of Buses by # of Hours per Bus by $40

_____	x	_____	x	$40	=	_____
# of buses		*# of hours per bus*		*bus rate*		*total estimated bus cost*