Transportation at **Austin ISD**

648
Transportation Staff

497
School Buses

23,000
Students Transported Daily

Education Code Section 42.155

The legislature has historically provided funding assistance to school districts that provide student transportation. Basic funding is for home-to-school or school-to-home transportation provided to eligible students who live more than 2 miles from their campus of regular attendance and for special needs students who require special transportation to attend school.

Austin ISD Transportation Department

The Austin ISD Transportation Department is responsible for transporting about 23,000 students to and from school each day. Services include daily routes to and from traditional campuses, magnet schools, International High School, Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, AISD Pre-K centers, after-school events, high school student sharing, athletics and tutoring sessions.

AISD owns and manages a fleet of 497 buses, with 648 staff members stationed at three terminals and 14 main office staff stationed at the Baker Center. The average age of an AISD fleet vehicle is 7.9 years.

No Transportation Allotment

Chapter 41 districts have not received funding for transportation because the Texas Education Agency interprets the statute, TEC section 42.155, as not permitting payment of the allotment to Chapter 41 districts. The Transportation Allotment statute was enacted in 1984, prior to the enactment of the recapture statute in 1993.

Two allotment statutes that were enacted after the enactment of the recapture statute, the new instructional facility allotment (NIFA), TEC Section 42.158, and the high school allotment, TEC Section 421.160, permit a credit in the amount of the allotments to which the district is entitled against the total amount of recapture required.

Transportation Costs at Austin ISD

The AISD 2018–19 budget includes $31,127,980 for public transportation, $26,586,865 of which is allocated to bus drivers and other labor, $2,369,000 for fuel and $3,041,615 for maintenance.

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