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Joint Coffee/BO-Talk

Review of BOCES Aid and Transportation Aid: Tips On How to Maximize Each

State Aid and Financial Planning Service
October 2021



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- Introduction on Expense-Based Aids
- BOCES Aid
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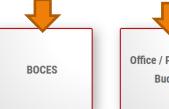
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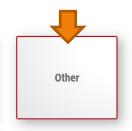


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Save the date for our September BO-Talk scheduled on the 24th







BOCES	
▼ BOCES Annual Task Tool (BATT)	April 2021
X 2020-21 BOCES 10-Year Factor Analysis Table	April 2021
X 2021-22 BOCES Component 5-Year Factor Analysis Worksheet	April 2021
☑ NYSED's Definitions of Unit Cost Methodology for Statewide Uniform Cost Report	-
△ BOCES AID 101 – Quick Reference Guide	August 2021
☑ Reserve Funds Chart for BOCES	August 2021

Our Updated SAP Website (Continued)

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We have added icons to our "webinars" webpage to help you navigate our site.

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Coffee Talk

Monthly webinars focusing on topics related to school business management functions







BO-Talk

Monthly webinars focusing on a variety of BOCES specific topics.







Knowledge Café

Monthly webinars focusing on topics related to the school business official calendar.

Expense-Based Aids

- Expense-based aids provide reimbursement to school districts for certain costs
- These aids are paid to districts during the subsequent year of the expense
- Transportation Aid and BOCES Aid are two of the three largest expense-based aid categories

BOCES Aid Overview

- BOCES Aid is the 3rd largest expense-based aid category for school districts in NYS
 - > 2021-22 BOCES Aid = \$1.09B
 - Factored into this reimbursement amount are the 20-21 approved Admin/Services Expenditures totaling \$1.45B

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BOCES APPRVD	BOCES APPRVD	
ADMIN	SERVICE	
EXPENDITURE	EXPENDITURE	Total
160,477,909	1,292,047,414	1,452,525,323

- Districts are aided based on approved expenses multiplied by their selected aid ratio
 - Rent and Capital expenses are reimbursed based on the RWADA aid ratio

BOCES Aid Ratios

RWADA Aid Ratio:

District Tax Rate= 2020-21 Local Levy / (2018 Actual Valuation)

Selected BOCES Aid Ratio for Admin. and Services Aid is the **highest** of:

- RWADA Aid Ratio
- Millage Ratio
- > 36%

RWADA and Millage Ratios for Districts

Current year RWADA and Millage Aid Ratios can be found under BOC-CMP Output Report

5	RWADA AID RATIO	(1 - (ENT 4 * .510), MAX .950)	0.659
6	LESSER OF RWADA AID RATIO OR .900	(LESSER OF ENT 5 OR .900)	0.659
7	2017-18 TAX LEVY	(16D0(013))	30,043,971
8	COMPUTED TAX RATE (ROUND TO 4 DECIMALS)	(ENT 7 / ENT 1)	0.0201
9	MILLAGE FACTOR	(1 - (.008 / ENT 8), IF CHS AND COMPONENTS (1 - (.003 / ENT 8))	0.602
10	GREATER OF MILLAGE FACTOR OR LIMITED RWADA RATIO	(GREATER OF ENT 9 OR ENT 6)	0.659
11	GREATER OF ENTRY 10 OR .36	(GREATER OF ENT 10 OR .36)	0.659
12	SELECTED BOCES SHARING RATIO FOR ADMIN AND SERVICE AID	(LESSER OF ENT 11 OR .900)	0.659
13	BOCES SHARING RATIO FOR RENT AND CAPITAL AID	(ENT 6)	0.659

BOCES Administrative & Services Aid Formula

BOCES Administrative/Services Aid =

Approved Aidable Administrative/Services Costs

Selected BOCES Aid Ratio

Selected BOCES Aid Ratio is the higher of:

- RWADA Aid Ratio
- Millage Ratio
- Minimum Aid Ratio at 36%

BOCES Administrative Aid

- Provides reimbursement for base year administrative cost less the following expenses:
 - Excess Salaries sum of all administrative salaries in excess of \$30,000
 - Miscellaneous Revenue (if any)
 - Prior Year Refunds
 - BOCES Unapproved Expenditures (the portion of any service that is not aidable)
- Costs are allocated among component districts based on one of the following methods:
 - Full Value
 - Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA)
 - Public School Enrollment

BOCES Services Aid

- Provides reimbursement for <u>base year</u> service expenses
 - Services are aidable only to the extent they are approved for aid by NYSED
- Costs are allocated among components and participating districts based upon participation
- Deductions
 - Excess Salaries (aidable up to \$30,000)
 - Miscellaneous Revenue
 - Unapproved Services
 - Services purchased with non-general fund sources

BOCES Services Aid

- □ Eligible Services include, but are not limited to:
 - Career and Technical Education
 - General Education Itinerant Teacher Services
 - Instructional support
 - Curriculum development
 - Staff development
 - Technology services
 - Other Support Services
 - Business Office Support
 - Health and Safety
 - Cross Contracts w/Other BOCES
 - Community Schools Services provided to districts

BOCES Services Aid

- The following services/expenses are <u>not</u> eligible for BOCES Aid:
 - Special education services (Public High-Cost Aid)
 - Transportation related services (Transportation Aid)
 - English as a Second Language
 - Employment Preparation Education (EPE Aid)
 - Certain 3rd party contracts
 - Cooperative maintenance or municipal services
 - Items that become school district property (i.e.: print materials, textbooks)

BOCES Facilities Aid

- Provides reimbursement for <u>current</u> year approved expenditures for:
 - Facility construction, purchase, lease/rent of space, approved debt service payments on debt instruments, expenditures from budgetary appropriations
- Costs are allocated among component districts based on one of the following methods:
 - Full Value
 - Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA)
 - Public School Enrollment

BOCES Facilities Aid Formula

BOCES Facilities Aid =

Approved Aidable Facilities Expenses **x**RWADA Aid Ratio

- Current year aid is calculated based on current year expense
- No minimum aid ratio
 - Districts with an RWADA aid ratio of zero will not receive Facilities Aid

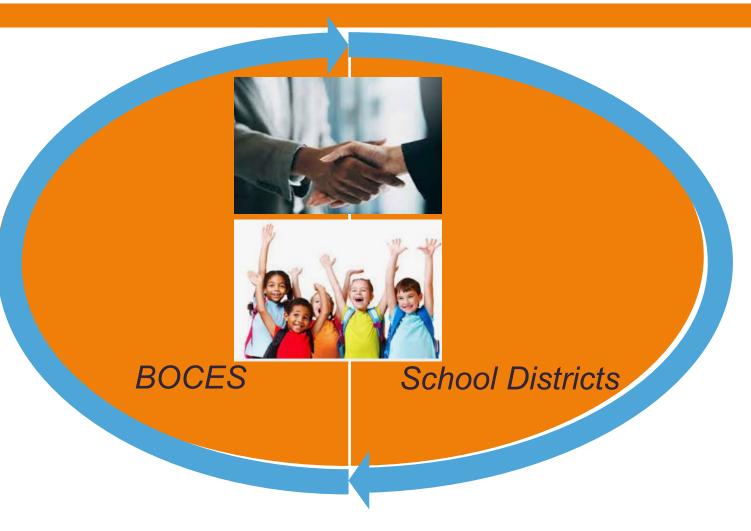
BOCES Aid Claim Process

- BOCES submit aid claims on behalf of component districts
 - Claims are submitted within BOCES SAMS
 - BOCES reports actual expenses for prior year and estimated expenses for current year
 - Initial submission is due by October 1st
 - Revisions must be submitted by October 15th to be included within the state aid runs to be provided under the Governor's Executive Budget in January
 - Revisions are due by mid-January for changes to be reflected within the aid runs to be provided under the Enacted Budget in April

BOCES Aid Payment Schedule

- BOCES Aid is calculated for all districts and paid directly to the BOCES on behalf of districts
- BOCES distributes aid to component districts
- BOCES aid payments in February and June calculated based on the lesser of projections or actual claims
 - * Be certain up to date information is provided to BOCES so they can submit accurate data as data impacts cashflow
- Payment Schedule:
 - February 1st 25%
 - June 1st 30%
 - September 1st 45% or balance due
 - Line #117 of BOC-CMP output report for February and June payment
 - September balance can be found on line #118 of BOC-CMP

Connection Between BOCES and School Districts



Connection Between BOCES and School Districts (Continued)

- Provides various educational programs and services to districts through shared services
- BOCES leverage strength of multiple school districts to provide efficient and cost-effective shared services and educational programs
- Districts receive aid as an incentive for collaboration

Federal Funding & Impact on BOCES Aid

- BOCES services funded w/federal dollars will not be included within the approved expenditures for BOCES Aid
- These funds would act as a deduct against a district's BOCES Aidable Expense
 - Revenues such as federal grants would fall under the "Other Miscellaneous Deduction"
- □ Districts must supply this information to BOCES to make them aware

Methods to Reduce Excess Salaries Deduct

- □ Review revenues under services w/Excess
 Salaries to see if any of these salaries may be attributed to "non-aidable" customers
- Prorate Excess Salaries to "unaidable services" for both Special Education and Federal Funds
- □ Prorate Excess Salaries to the 700 COSERs (including Unaidable Services such as Special Ed., Adult Ed., Federal Programs, etc.).

Strategic Planning for BOCES & Districts

- Think about long term purchases w/BOCES
 - > i.e., equipment purchases
- Work together to discuss the impact on purchases for BOCES services once the federal stimulus grants go away
 - Will purchases for BOCES services increase/decrease?



Transportation Aid Overview

- □ Transportation Aid is the 2nd largest expense-based aid category for districts
 - ➤ 2021-22 Transportation Aid = \$2.09b
 - * Based on reimbursement for 20-21 Non-Capital Expenditures of \$3.3b and 20-21 Capital Expenditures of \$165m

4,999,942	2,082,753,393	2,087,753,335
AID	W/O SUMMER	Total
TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORTATION AID	
22 SUMMER	I(FA0069) 00 2021-22	
H(FA0065) 00 2021-		

Districts are aided based on approved transportation expenses multiplied by their selected aid ratio

Transportation Aid Formula

Transportation Aid =

Approved Transportation Expenditures

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Selected Aid Ratio

Selected Transportation Aid Ratio = the higher of:

- RWADA Aid Ratio
- Selected State Sharing Ratio
- EWR Ratio

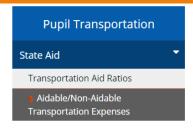
Transportation Aid

□ Governed by §3635 of NYS Ed. Law

§ 3635. Transportation. 1. a. Sufficient transportation facilities (including the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles) shall be provided by the school district for all the children residing within the school district to and from the school they legally attend, who are in need of such transportation because of the remoteness of the school to the child or for the promotion of the best interest of such children.

- □ Provides reimbursement for eligible transportation expenditures incurred by districts to transport students to and from school
 - This includes bus purchase expenditures and operating expenditures

Aidable vs. Non-Aidable Transportation Expenses



Guide to Aidable/Non-Aidable Transportation Expenses

This document contains an up-to-date listing of aidable and non-aidable transportation expenses, as well as detailed information about transportation expenses that require prior written SED approval in order to be aidable. The lists will be updated quarterly, if new information becomes available. These lists are provided to assist districts in completing schedules G, H and I on SAMS. These lists are guidelines and this is an evolving document. If you have questions or concerns about items appearing on these lists, or not appearing, please contact the Pupil Transportation Unit. Questions regarding the aidable/non-aidable status of transportation expenses included or not included on these lists should be submitted in writing to:

State Education Department Educational Management Srvcs. Pupil Transportation Unit Room 1075 Education Building Annex Albany, New York 12234

transportation@nysed.gov⊠

Please Note:

- Equipment purchased for or installed on contracted buses is a non-aidable expense.
- For information related to purchase of buses, transportation contracts, salaries and retirement benefits eligible for aid, refer to the appropriate section in the Transportation Aid Guide.
- The information is divided into three sections. Section I contains a list of expenses which are aidable, as well as
 exceptions to aidability of certain items. Footnotes provide or refer you to more detailed information. Section II
 contains a list of expenses that are never transportation aidable. Section III contains important additional
 information regarding transportation expenses, which are only aidable if written approval is received from the State
 Education Department's Pupil Transportation Unit.

Section I: Transportation Aidable Expense Items (Exceptions Noted)
Section II: Non-Aidable Transportation Expense Items
Section III: Expenses Requiring SED Approvals

SECTION I: Transportation Aidable Expense Items: (Exceptions Noted)

Transportation Aid

- □ Districts submit transportation claims and expenditures to NYSED via SAMS claim Form FT and ST-3
- Aid payments are made to districts according to the General Aid payment schedule
- Districts must adhere to mileage law/rules
- Deducts are factored in to determine the "approved transportation expenditure"
 - Non-Allowable Pupil Decimal (NAPD)
 - Other Purpose Mileage Deduct
 - Additional/other deducts



Claim Form FT

Form	FT - Transportation Data 2021-22 Clai	m Year	2019-20 School Year SED File (Prior)	2020-21 School Year EDP Form #10 (Actual)	2021-22 School Year EDP Form #38 (Projected)
Part 2	X. Transportation Expenditures				
110a.	Nonallowable Pupil Decimal			0.0116 (from SED or NPD worksheets)]
110b.	Enter the Date of the First Day of School			09/09/2020	09/08/2021
111	MM/DD/YYYY format) Note school year District Owned Bus Mileage - Regular R		598.203	610.071	610.000
112	District Owned Bus Mileage - For Buses	Leased or Contracted to Others	129	0	800
113.	for Transportation (Not Education Law 1 District Owned Bus Mileage - For Buses for Non-Resident Preschool or DFY (Edu	Leased or Contracted to Others	123	1	1
114.	District Owned Bus Mileage - 4408 Sum		17.281	6.158	19.368
115a	District Owned Bus Mileage - Other Purp	ooses (Excluding Regular District	29.833	9.425	34.000
115b.	Operated Summer School) District Owned Bus Mileage - Other Purp Operated Summer School) (Excluding 4408 and BOCES Operated)		23,033	3,423	34,000
1165	Does your district use computerized rout owned transportation or contracted pupil	ting software for either district	Yes V		
	owned transportation or contracted pupil If yes to entry 116a above, enter the ven program name in the fields below.	transportation? dor name and the software	ies 🕶		
	Vendor Name:	TRANSFINDER			
	Software Program Name:	TRANSFINDER PRO			
117	Employee Benefits for Transportation Er		1.054.595	1.050.971	1.060.000
118.			61,733	63.557	64.000
119.	Special Act or Less Than 8 Teacher Dist Transportation Aid]
120.	Unapproved District Operated Transport	ation Computerized Routing			
121. 122.	Total Unapproved Transportation Contra	ct Expenses (Schedule J) (SED	0	0	1
	Use) Expenditures in Excess of Approved Tra	neportation Contracts (SED Use)	-		í
	Expenditure Deduction for Transportatio				1
	Expenditure Deduction for Transportatio				1
	Expenditure Deduction for Transportation	n Contracts with Agreement Date			i
125a.	After Start of Service (SED Use) Purchase of Computerized Bus Routing Only)	System (Contract Transportation			
	Computerized Bus Routing Annual Prog Maintenance Fees (Contract Transporta Unapproved Contract Transportation Co	tion Only)			<u></u>
126.	Transportation Only)			_	ļ
	Number of Students Transported on Dis		2,884	2,634	
	Number of Students Transported on Cor				
	Number of Students Transported on Put				
	Number of Nonpublic Students Transpor		240	232	-
	Expenditures for Nonpublic Transportation		308,503	408,291	<u> </u>
	Expenditures of District Shuttle for Acad			-	
133.	Transportation Expenditures for Academ	lic Field Trips			
134.	Was your district involved in any arrange sharing transportation services, personn the 2020-21 school year? (Do not includ shared services)	el, facilities and/or equipment in	No 🗸		
	If you answered "Yes" to line 134, ple questions. You must complete Sched aid on expenditures for Shared Servic Services revenues in the ST-3 Genera code A2304 in the appropriate line(s)	ule I lines 12 and 12a to receive ces. You must report Shared Il Fund Schedule A3 account	•		
134a.	Please select the appropriate sharing ar selected please provide a brief explanat box below line 134e.			~	

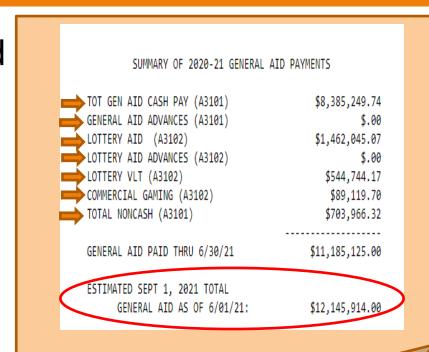
Transportation ST-3 Account Codes

Schedule A4c - General Fund Expenditures by Function and Object of Expense 327-463

ST3 - Annual Financial Report		2019-20 School Year from SED File	2020-21 School Year (Actual) DP #49	2021-22 School Yea (Projected) DP #49
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
District Transportation Services 127. Instructional Salaries (Trans Supervisor Office)	A5510.15			
28. Noninstructional Salaries (Excl Trans Supv Office)	A5510.16	2.138.918	2.230.838	2.464.872
29. Noninstructional Salaries (Trans Supervisor Office)	A5510.16	168.993	178,619	171,020
30. Equipment	A5510.2			
31. Purchase of Buses	A5510.21			
32. Contractual and Other	A5510.4	153.478	144.885	153.564
33. Materials and Supplies	A5510.45	340.873	315,593	494.000
34. BOCES Bus Driver Training Services	A5510.49			
35. BOCES Bus Maintenance Services	A5510.49			
36. Total District Transportation Services	A5510.0	2,802,262	2,869,935	3,283,456
Sarage Building 37. Noninstructional Salaries	A5530.16	7,523	9,629	9,799
38. Equipment	A5530.2			
39. Contractual and Other	A5530.4	66,631	135,456	75,957
40. Materials and Supplies	A5530.45	4,285	3,148	3,000
41. Total Garage Building	A5530.0	78,439	148,233	88,756
42. Contract Transportation	A5540.4	0		
43. Public Transportation	A5550.4			
44. Transportation from BOCES	A5581.49			
45. TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	AT5599.0	2.880.701	3.018.168	3.372.212

General Aid Payment Schedule

- Transportation Aid is paid under the General Aid Payment Schedule
- □ Displayed to the right is the "End of Year Payment Summary" which shows General Aid Payments from prior years for districts



Transportation Mileage Law

□ Transportation law/rules



- Pupils in grades K-8 that live more than two miles away from school of attendance
- 9-12 grade pupils that live more than three miles away from school of attendance
- Overall mileage limit from home to school is up to 15 miles for general education students and up to 50 miles for SWD (unless specified within IEP)
- Districts are required to provide transportation based on mileage limitations previously adopted by voters
- "Deadhead Miles" are not aidable

□ Aidable Mileage

Students which live more than 1.5 miles away from school generate aid

Non-Allowable Pupil Decimal

- Non-Allowable Pupils are K-12 students that live within 1.5 miles of the school of attendance
 - Allowable pupils are those that live more than 1.5 miles away from the school of attendance
- Governed by §156.7 of the Commissioner's Regulations
- Updated NAPD is required every three years or sooner if changes occur which impact district transportation policies, mileage, bus routes, etc.
 - Based actual count of students transported on a selected day of session during one of the spring months (March/April/May)
 - https://stateaid.nysed.gov/trans/napd_info.htm

Non-Allowable Pupil Decimal (Continued)

- □ The NAPD is applied against approved aidable capital and non-capital transportation expenditures as a deduct
- □ The lower the decimal/percentage the lower the deduction against aidable transportation expenditures
- □ Increasing the number of allowable students to each bus route will decrease the Non-Allowable Pupil miles which ultimately reduces the overall decimal

Non-Allowable Pupil Decimal Sample Calculation

	Scenario A	Scenario B
Number of students on route	60	60
Number of allowable students	0	1
Length of bus route	5 Miles	5 Miles
Nonallowable Pupil Miles (NAPM):	60 x 5= 300	59 x 1.5 = 88.5
If the afternoon route is the same, daily total:	300 x 2= 600 NAPM	88.5 x 2 = 177 NAPM

Other Purpose Mileage

- Other purpose mileage deduction applied to aidable transportation expenses
 - Other purpose mileage includes:
 - Noon trips home for lunch
 - Field & athletic trips
 - Transporting regular ed summer school pupils to an out-ofdistrict program
 - Mileage related to staff or administrative use of vehicles
 - Goal is to minimize any trips which fall under the categories listed here

Other Purpose Mileage (Continued)

The Other Purpose Mileage deduct is applied against approved aidable capital expenses and district operating expenses

- Late trips are *not* considered "Other Purpose Mileage"
- Miles for general education summer school programs are not aided (exception for district operated programs)

Other Deductions Against Transportation Aid

 Revenue from the sale of transportation equipment

Insurance recoveries

 Regular summer school expenditures (non-district operated)



Form FT: NAPD & Other Purpose Mileage Data

Form	FT - Transportation Data 2021-22 Clai	im Year	2019-20 School Year SED File (Prior)	2020-21 School Year EDP Form #10 (Actual)	2021-22 School Year EDP Form #38 (Projected)
Part)	(. Transportation Expenditures				
	Nonallowable Pupil Decimal			0.0116 (from SED or NPD worksheets)	1
	Enter the Date of the First Day of School MM/DD/YYYY format) Note school year			09/09/2020	09/08/2021
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	District Owned Bus Mileage - Other Pur Operated Summer School)	poses (Excluding Regular Distric	29,833	9,425	34,000
116a.	(Excluding 4408 and BOCES Operated) Does your district use computerized rou owned transportation or contracted pupilf yes to entry 116a above, enter the verprogram name in the fields below.	ting software for either district I transportation? ndor name and the software	Yes V		
	Vendor Name:	TRANSFINDER			
	Software Program Name:	TRANSFINDER PRO			
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119.	Special Act or Less Than 8 Teacher Distransportation Aid	tricts Only: Enter a "1" if Claiming	9		
120.	Unapproved District Operated Transpor	tation Computerized Routing			
121. 122.	Not Used Total Unapproved Transportation Contra Use)	act Expenses (Schedule J) (SED	0	0	
123a.	Expenditures in Excess of Approved Tra Use)	ansportation Contracts (SED]
123b.	Expenditure Deduction for Transportation	on Contracts Not Bid (SED Use)			
124a.	Expenditure Deduction for Transportation Use)	on Contracts Filed Late (SED			

Transportation Aid Output Report & Aid Deducts

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ENTRIES 1 - 8 ARE USED TO CALCULATE THE

	DEDUCTIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSE, BUSES LEASED TO OTHERS AND NONRESIDENT TRANSPORTATION		
	RATIOS FOR COMPUTING NONAIDABLE EXPENDITURES		
	ANNUAL MILEAGE:		
1	FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ROUTES (INCLUDING LATE TRIPS FROM SCHOOL TO HOME AND TO AND FROM BOCES PROGRAMS)	(FORM FT ENT 111)	598,203
2	FOR SERVICES CONTRACTED TO OTHERS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1709(25)(H), ED LAW	(FORM FT ENT 113)	
3	FOR BUSES LEASED TO OTHERS FOR TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN SEC 1709(25)(H)	(FORM FT ENT 112)	129
4	TO TRANSPORT 4408 SUMMER PUPILS	(FORM FT ENT 114)	17,281
5	ANNUAL MILEAGE FOR OTHER PURPOSES EXCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL	(FORM FT ENT 115A)	29,833
6	ANNUAL MILEAGE FOR DISTRICT OPERATED SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM (EXCLUDING 4408 AND BOCES SUMMER SCHOOL)	(FORM FT ENT 115B)	
7	ANNUAL MILEAGE FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL	(ENT 5 + ENT 6)	29,833
8	TOTAL ANNUAL MILEAGE - ALL PURPOSES EXCLUDING MILEAGE 4408 SUMMER PUPILS	(ENT 1 + ENT 2 + ENT 3 + ENT 7)	628,165
9	RATIO OTHER PURPOSES MILEAGE TO TOTAL INCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL (ENTRY 9 IS USED IN ENTRY 89)	(ENT 7 / ENT 8)	0.0474
10	RATIO OTHER PURPOSES MILEAGE TO TOTAL EXCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL	(ENT 5 / ENT 8)	0.0474
11	RATIO MILEAGE FOR BUSES LEASED TO OTHERS TO TOTAL (ENTRY 11 IS USED IN ENTRY 100)	(ENT 3 / ENT 8)	0.0002
12	NON-ALLOWABLE PUPIL DECIMAL	(IF FORM FT ENT 110A > 0, USE FORM FT ENT	0.0116

Bus Purchases/Leases

- □ Complete SAMS Form BP (Bus Purchase Approval Form) for any bus purchases
- □ Forms for Bus Leases are submitted to SED's Ed. Management Transportation Office

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/schoolbus/documents/DistrictBus Lease checklist 2018-PO.pdf

- □ If planning to buy/lease buses in 21-22, report on lines 164-165 of form FT
 - Used for 2022-23 Governor's Executive Budget released in January and for Capital Exclusion Calculation

Bus Contracts

- Contacts over \$20k must be competitively bid to be aided
- Superintendent must sign and date contracts on or before the date service begins
- □ File all pupil transportation contracts with NYSED within 120 days of the start of services for:
 - New contracts, summer contracts, contract extensions, summer contract extensions, emergency contracts and parent contracts

Methods to Address Bus Driver Shortage

- Signing and retention bonuses for new bus drivers
- Parent Contracts
- Adjustments to mileage limitations through district referendum



Next Coffee Talk/BO-Talk



Coffee Talk: Wednesday, November 10th at 9:00 am

Topics: Review of Building Aid and Overview of the School Budget Process

BO-Talk: Friday, November 19th at 9:00 am

Topics: Developing BOCES Administrative Budget



Questions?



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