



# Transportation



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## TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation budget includes our Transportation Coordinator and bus drivers for our special education fleet of Suburbans. We currently have twenty regular buses with four spare/field trip buses, two special education/pre-k wheelchair capable buses, and four special education SUV's (three Suburban's and one Equinox).

To accurately reflect the importance and time requirements of the Transportation Coordinator position, we have reflected this position as a 1.0 FTE, which had previously been reflected as a 0.5 FTE with the other 0.5 FTE shown as an Energy Coordinator. The Energy Coordinator position shown in the Facilities Budget has been removed. Management of energy usage is assumed within the standard responsibilities of the Director of Facilities and Security. The position of Transportation Coordinator will manage our in-house fleet of vehicles providing transportation services to our outplaced special education students, as well as provide technical guidance as the district examines School Start/End Times.

Also included in the transportation budget is an increase in the cost of fuel. The cost of diesel fuel has risen 21% to \$2.19 per gallon.

Every student in the Weston Public Schools is offered bus transportation and assigned to a bus, however, ridership is approximately 63% of the total student population. Ridership at Hurlbutt and Weston Intermediate School is approximately 80% and at Weston Middle School and Weston High School approximately 52%. While ridership is 63% of the student population our buses are occupied at 93% capacity as we develop routes to maximize space with the least amount of buses needed while ensuring safe and timely ridership for our students. When the district changed from a 3 tier (WHS and WMS had separate routes) route the district reduced two buses leaving 20 buses, which are essential for maintaining our two tier bussing schedule each year.

At Hurlbutt and Weston Intermediate School arrival time is from 8:15am to 8:25am with dismissal at 3:30pm. At the Middle School and High School arrival time is 7:20am to 7:35am with dismissal time at 2:38pm. Bus schedules are designed so that students with the longest morning ride will then have the shortest afternoon ride.

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2017-2018 Actual				2018-2019 Projected			
Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Program	Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Change
<b>Non Certified Staff</b>							
0.50	0.00	0.50	Transportation Coordinator	1.00	0.00	1.00	<b>0.50</b>
1.05	0.00	1.05	Drivers	1.05	0.00	1.05	0.00
<b>1.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.55</b>		<b>2.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>0.50</b>