

Transportation RFP Questions

1. Please provide a copy of the current transportation contract(s) including any extensions with listing of rates for 18/19 SY.

These can be found [here](#).

2. Please provide copy of last two months detailed transportation invoices (in Excel if possible).

[September invoice](#) [October invoice](#)

3. Is it possible to receive the current paired daily routes with total route times? In Excel?

These can be found [here](#).

4. Please list total annual amount paid to transportation vendor over the last three years.

Vendors are expected to provide their best pricing for student transportation, regardless of past budgets and expenditures. Future budgets are subject to change.

5. Please provide any information regarding current drivers/monitors wages and benefits. Current pay range (starting pay to top pay)? Are they in a union? If so, which union? Can we be provided the CBA?

Yes, the drivers/monitors are in a union, Teamsters Local #238. The District does not have a copy of the CBA.

6. What is the current driver/monitor daily route guarantee? What are the average hours for drivers/monitors?

It is a 2HR AM and 2HR PM guarantee. Average route length is approximately 2.25 hours.

7. Please provide current contractor fleet list: number of vehicles, passenger size, seat belts, wheel chairs, a/c, etc.

This list can be found [here](#).

8. Please provide current contractor's office and maintenance staff listing: number of managers, dispatchers, mechanics, etc.

Management (including Dispatcher) = 5
Maintenance = 5

9. Is District pleased with current level of service? What areas would you like to see improvement in?

Yes, the District is pleased with the current level of service.

10. Does current provider have full complement of drivers?

The current provider is meeting the coverage of all routes and fieldtrips with the mandated spares. At times, the number of requests can exceed the number of routes and spares.

11. Please provide last summer school transportation volume: number of days, buses, etc.

Summer school routes depend on the summer programs that are offered and could vary depending on the day of the week. Highest number of routes recently was 11 routes at one time.

12. Currently, how many monitors and drivers are required to sufficiently service this contract?

Route Drivers = 85
Monitors = 6

13. Please determine the number of routes per bus size on Appendix J-1 and J-2.

These can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

14. Please also provide the current levels/estimates of sports/activity/field trips for pricing pages.

In 2017–2018, the total mileage reported was 148,328.

15. Are there any midday routes? If so, how many?

Midday routes depend on the programs that are offered and could vary depending on the day of the week. Highest number of routes recently was 17 routes at one time.

16. How many conflicting trip vehicles are needed to cover athletic trips?

As many as necessary.

17. Does the District anticipate any changes to transportation program (bell times, etc.) over the contract term?

The Board has approved new boundaries with the start of the 2019–2020 school year.

18. Please advise of any significant changes from the current contract to the one proposed in the RFP.

None.

19. How many cameras per bus are there currently?

There are three interior and one exterior stop sign cameras per bus.

20. What is the annual amount of assessed liquidated damages from each of the past two school years? Any so far this school year?

The District has claimed no liquidated damages in the last two years.

21. Is there going to be a formal bid opening on January 14th at 2 PM?

Yes, there will be a formal bid opening.

22. Section 20: The RFP states that the contractor shall employ a “sufficient” number of drivers (20.1 and 20.8). What number of drivers does the District deem to be sufficient?

The contractor must provide coverage of all routes, along with the spare ratio needed and have substitute drivers as the contractor sees fit. This is really one of “quality service” to the District. *Sufficient* should be read and defined as the number of regular drivers and the sub driver pool required to deliver the high quality standard expected by the District for all student transportation services, while taking into account local labor shortages; ill, injured, or vacationing regular drivers; additional activity routes and spare route drivers when required, etc.

23. Section 22: Paragraph 22.6 states the number of full-time office staff required. This lists six positions but also indicates at least five. Are you requiring a minimum of five or six F.T.Es?

At a minimum of five positions are FTE and at least one position is .5 FTE, as explained in the proposal.

24. Section 25: Paragraph 25.9 requires the contractor to store videos for 175 school days. Does this mean that the contractor is to store each day of video for each bus for a minimum of the following 175 school days? This would require a significant new investment in hardware and personnel. Would the District consider changing this requirement to labeling and storing video recordings for a period of 90 days utilizing a minimum of 1TB of storage to avoid added cost?

The District is willing to change this requirement to 90 days and replace the first sentence of 25.9 with the following, “The contractor shall label and store video recordings for a period of 90 days, unless a longer storage time is requested by the district.”

25. Section 31: Paragraph 31.11 asks the contractor to supply a formula for route mileage +/- 515,000 per year. With the District buying fuel, variations in route mileage will have little impact unless routes are added or subtracted. This section also asks contractors to supply a schedule of costs for route reductions. Would the District consider eliminating the mileage formula and adding a place on the pricing page for the cost impact of added or subtracted routes?

The second and third sentence of paragraph 31.11 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following, “Based upon representation of past years, there are approximately 515,000 route miles. ~~The contractor will supply a formula to be used should district exceed or not exceed these miles in one contract year. See Appendix M for current routes.~~ A route reduction cost schedule shall be provided as part of the proposal indicating cost to add or subtract entire routes. If the average daily number of routes is reduced or increased by fifteen percent (15%) or more, then both parties agree to renegotiate in good faith the rates provided in Exhibit A if such renegotiation is requested by either party.”

As changes have occurred in the District in terms of modified attendance boundaries, new school facility additions, school demolitions, changing bell times, and seeking efficiencies, the number of routes has fluctuated from a high of 104 routes to a low of 83 routes. We are presently at 85 routes for the 2018–2019 school year, and this will serve as the baseline expectation for this proposal.

26. Does the district plan to continue employing the bus monitors throughout the term of this contract?

To the best of our knowledge, we plan to continue our present employment practice for bus monitors. If in the future this changes and both parties agree in good faith, we could renegotiate the cost based on that change.