

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SELPA
LOCAL PLAN**

SECTION 12

**BUSINESS
AND
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION

Special Transportation Policies
3601 - 3605

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3601 Provision of Special Transportation

Special Education transportation as a related service shall be provided to students with disabilities if written into the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and shall be provided in accordance with the Special Education Local Plan Area's/districts'/County Education Office's regulations and procedural guidelines. Entities operating transportation shall, where appropriate, coordinate the Special Education transportation with the regular home-to-school transportation.

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3602 Responsibility for Transportation

The following criteria shall apply in determining the entity responsible for special transportation:

- (1) The County Education Office shall be responsible for arranging transportation for all students with disabilities residing in direct service districts and attending district, other district or county-operated programs.
- (2) A nondirect service district shall be responsible for arranging for transporting all preschool and school age students with disabilities who reside in their district and attend programs in their district or programs operated by another entity.
- (3) Reimbursement for transportation provided by the parent shall be the responsibility of the nondirect service district of residence or the County Education Office for direct service districts. The rate will be set by the respective board.

For purposes of establishing the district of residence for transportation chargebacks, the student's grade level as of the start of each school year shall be the determining factor. Districts must assume responsibility for providing transportation as follows:

<u>Type of District</u>	<u>Student Grade Placement as of the Start of the School Year</u>
K-6	Preschool through Grade 6
K-8	Preschool through Grade 8
Grades 7-12	Grades 7 through 12 (and until exit from public school)
Grades 9-12	Grades 9 through 12 (and until exit from public school)

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3603 Transportation Agreement

Each district responsible for transportation shall enter into a transportation agreement with the local education agency providing the transportation. The agreement shall spell out the terms and conditions and include mutually agreed upon reimbursement.

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3604 Responsibility for Reporting Transportation Costs

Each district operating programs for students with disabilities and maintaining a transportation program and the County Education Office shall be responsible for reporting transportation costs and requesting state reimbursement for special transportation if they operate or contract for the service.

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3605 Transportation Chargebacks

All districts within the Santa Barbara County SELPA shall be responsible for the costs of all special education transportation within the SBCSELPA for students who reside within the district's boundaries with the exception of infants, whose transportation shall be the responsibility of the County Education Office.

For students transported by a district other than the district of residence, the entity providing special transportation shall charge back to the responsible direct or nondirect service district, any non-reimbursed state approved costs and state deficated funding for transportation.

Non-Direct Service Districts

For non-direct service districts, the chargeback shall be the difference between the total approved costs of transportation and the base transportation rate for each individual district, with calculations based on student FTEs.

Direct Service Districts

For direct service districts, as defined by Education Code, the excess cost of transportation shall be determined by computing the difference between the total pooled base transportation rates of the direct service districts and the total pooled state approved costs for all direct service district students transported.

The transportation excess cost chargeback to direct service districts shall be computed by first determining a per student FTE excess cost for transportation by dividing the total pooled excess transportation cost for direct service districts by the number of direct service district student FTEs transported. Each direct service district's excess transportation cost will be computed by multiplying the per student FTE excess transportation cost by the number of student FTEs transported from each district.

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