

Parent Transportation Reimbursement Program – Special Education

Parent Guardian,

As you may be aware, there is a nationwide shortage of school bus drivers. District 202 continues to experience a shortage of drivers which is directly impacting special education transportation. As a result, the District created a parent transportation reimbursement program. The goal of the program is to be able to either shorten the length of current bus routes or eliminate some bus routes which would allow the remaining buses and drivers to be used to transport students. All students who are currently using district special transportation or students who are newly eligible for special transportation, per their child's IEP, are eligible to participate in the program.

The District will offer compensation for parents/guardians who are able to provide special transportation for their child identified on these specific routes. The District will pay parents/guardians \$1,000 per semester to provide special transportation to and from school for their child. If your child's special education route is eligible for this program and you are interested in participating, complete the form below no later than Monday, December 20th.

Parents/Guardians who are willing and able to provide transportation must do the following in order to be considered for the reimbursement program.

1. Complete the online [Parent Transportation Reimbursement Program – Parent Interest Form](#) for second semester. The interest form will be considered for approval.
2. Finalize if approved
 - a. Parent/Guardian must complete a W9 form. This form will not charge you taxes. It is required for the District to reimburse you.
 - b. Parent/Guardian must sign a Transportation Reimbursement Agreement Form
 - c. Parent/Guardian must transport your child or secure transportation for your child to and from school for the semester.
3. Reimbursement will be provided on a quarterly basis at \$500 per quarter. Quarter dates are as follows:
 - a. Quarter 3 payment – March 11th
 - b. Quarter 4 payment – June 3rd

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the District Student Services department at (815) 577-4023.

Sincerely,

District 202

Transportation Department and Student Services Department