

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District
RFP #433-25-26
Alternative Student Transportation
Vendor Questions and Responses

1. Is the district willing to share the names of its current vendors for alternate transportation?

The District will not disclose that information in this response. That information is available on the District's website and Board minutes.

2. How many cars/sedans are currently being used to transport your students?

Approximately five (5) cars/sedans are being used by current alternative transportation vendors.

3. What is the average mileage per route for sedan-based service?

One way mileage is approximately 20-30 miles.

4. How many of the student trips detailed in the RFP documents need base access?

One (1), however, that is subject to change.

5. How many instances of liquidated damages were assessed in the past year?

No liquidated damages were assessed in the past year.

6. The link included in the "ATTENTION TO BIDDERS" section regarding the addenda is not working and presents the error: "The form RFP 423-25-26 Contact Form is no longer accepting responses." Can the district please submit an updated link?

The link was updated when the RFP was made available. The "ATTENTION TO BIDDERS" link for RFP 423-25-26 was for a previous bid.

7. How many proposal copies do you want bidders to submit?

Please submit two (2) proposal copies.

8. Does the District intend to award to a single prime contractor, or will the 'Contractor preference list' result in a multi-vendor panel where rides are offered to providers based on their ranking and daily availability?

The District does not intend for a single prime contractor to be awarded. Rides and routes will be offered based on ranking and availability established by the 'Contractor preference list.'

9. Given the scope for alternative transportation, does the District require all vehicles to be CHP-certified school buses (SPAB), or are standard sedans and SUVs that pass a 19-point safety inspection acceptable for McKinney-Vento and Special Education student transport?

We do not require vehicles for alternative transportation to be CHP-certified school buses (SPAB).

10. Please provide historical and or estimated information for the following by vehicle type:

- *Monthly ridership - 11*
- *Average number of riders per one-way trip - 2*
- *Number of one-way trips per month - approximately 20*
- *Average mileage per one-way trip - 24*
- *Total trip mileage per month – approximately 9,200*

11. To ensure the safety and appropriate support of students with specialized transportation needs, could the District clarify the responsibility for providing personnel and equipment? Specifically, for trips requiring Rider Assistants or specialized equipment such as Safety Vests/harnesses and Booster seats, is the Contractor expected to provide these personnel and maintain an inventory of equipment, or will the District provide the staff member and all necessary specialized seating/positioning devices at the time of pick-up?

In the past, the District has provided harnesses as designated in a student's IEP. Details regarding equipment needed will be provided by the Transportation and Special Education Departments to awarded vendors.

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- **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV):** The number of riders requiring specialized lift-equipped vehicles. *One (1)*
- **Safety & Restraint Systems:** Projected needs for Booster Seats, Car Seats, and Safety Vests (harnesses). *Five (5)*
- **Staffing Support:** The number of routes or specific riders currently requiring Rider Assistants (Aides). *Two (2)*

13. Can the district provide an estimated annual student count or projected number of students requiring transportation services under this contract?

Approximately eleven (11), however, this is subject to change based on evolving student needs.