

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-83-24 School transportation fees.

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(A) Fees for routine school transportation:

(1) No school vehicle owner shall charge for transporting pupils to and from regular day classes when that transportation is provided in accordance with section 3327.01, 3326.20, and 3314.091 of the Revised Code. This applies equally to buses owned by school boards, non-public schools, community schools, STEM schools, and the county boards of developmental disabilities as well as buses operated under contract for one of these agencies.

This rule does not apply to private transporation arranged for or by parents or other groups not related to the educating school board, non-public school, community school, STEM school, or county board of developmental disabilities.

(2) The governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may charge for transporation of pupils in a manner consistent with section 3327.07 of the Revised Code. Vehicles used by the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school or its contractor shall comply with rule 3301-83-19 of the Administrative Code. Drivers employed or contracted by the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school or its contractor shall comply with all requirements for school bus drivers in Chapter 3327. of the Revised Code and Chapter 3301-83 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Fees for non-routine school transportation during the school day:

No school vehicle owner shall charge for transporting pupils to and from educational field-trips during school days. This applies equally to buses owned by school boards, non-public schools, community schools, STEM schools, and county boards of developmental disabilities as well as buses operated under contract for an agency described in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(C) Fees for non-routine school transportation outside of the school day:

No school vehicle owner shall charge a fee that exceeds the actual costs assessed for transportation to and from educational field trips on non-school days.

(D) Requirement to recover cost:

The board of education or county board of developmental disabilities shall recover an amount not to exceed the actual operational costs associated with non-routine use of school buses when that transportation is provided for agencies other than those directly related to the bus owner.

(E) Identification of costs when recovery is required:

Districts may charge both an hourly rate and mileage fee when costs are to be recovered.

The following costs, as reported on the district or community school that provides transportation T-2 reports, shall be used in determination of fees to be charged when a recovery cost is required:

- (1) Driver salary and benefits;
- (2) Fuel;
- (3) Maintenance;
- (4) Service;
- (5) Supervision;
- (6) Insurance.