

# Transportation Grant: Non-Reimbursable Mileage Rate Update

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## What is the Transportation Grant?

- Provides a percent reimbursement of actual expenses to transport students for academic purposes (70, 80, or 90% based on cost per ADMr)
- Largest of the State School Fund subgrants
  - \$330 million for the 2023-2024 SY
- ORS 327.006 Defines Parameters for Grant
- OAR 581-023-0040 Defines approved costs



# What types of costs does the grant cover?

## Reimbursable Trips:

- Between home and school (outside the walking boundary)
- Between educational facilities
- In-state field trips where it is an extension of classroom activities

## Non-Reimbursable Trips:

- Athletics trips
- Activity trips (not part of classroom instruction)
- Transportation for students that the district is not required to transport

# Non-Reimbursable Mileage Rate



Allows school districts to use the same equipment, staff, and supplies to support transportation that is not reimbursable under the Transportation Grant.



Used to deduct the expenses for non-reimbursable trips.



Updated annually using Consumer Price Index trend data.

# Summary of Routine Rule Change

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- Removal of rates for closed school years
  2021-22 and 2022-23
- Addition of rates for school years 2025-26 and 2026-27

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2022-23	Removed	\$2.96	\$1.49
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2024-25	Current	\$3.29	\$1.65
2025-26	Set	\$3.39	\$1.70
2026-27	Set	\$3.50	\$1.76

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## Summary of Routine + Proposed New Rule Change

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### **New Updates**

- Addition of forecasted rates (subject to change) for school years 2027-28 and 2028-29
  - Language used for forecasted rates:
    "For the purposes of forecasting costs for 20XX-XX"

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2027-28	Forecasted	\$3.61	\$1.82
2028-29	Forecasted	\$3.72	\$1.88

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# Input on Changes

#### Questions for consideration:

- Do you have any concerns about the proposed rates for 2025-26 and 2026-27?
- What are your thoughts about having forecasted rates that are subject to change?
  - Is it helpful or could it cause confusion or harm?
  - Is the purpose of forecasted rates for non-reimbursable mileage clear? How could we provide more clarity?
- Have we overlooked anything?

# Thank you!

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