

Parent Transportation Reimbursement

Parents of eligible public and non-public school students who file an approved application form, will be reimbursed by the school district if school bus transportation is not provided. The distance from a home to the school designated for attendance by the school board for public school students, or by the parents of the non-public school students for non-public students, is the deciding factor determining if parents are to be reimbursed. Eligible families may only file a claim for up to three family members who attend elementary and middle school, and one family member who attends high school.

In general, school bus transportation will be provided to parents of elementary and middle school students (grades K through 8), if they live more than two (2) miles from the school designated for attendance. Parents of high school students (grades 9 through 12) must live more than three (3) miles from the school designated for attendance, in order to be eligible for school bus transportation. Eligible families who transport over four miles are entitled to one supplemental mileage payment per family, per claim period.

Parents of non-public school students may have reimbursement amounts pro-rated if state reimbursement funds to the school district are reduced by state administrators or legislative action.

The parents or guardians of non-public school students eligible for transportation reimbursement must file their claim with their school designated for attendance prior to December 1.

Second semester claims are automatically processed by the school district if a claim was filed for the first semester. Parents or legal guardians of non-public school students becoming eligible for transportation reimbursement after January 1 must contact their student's school designated for attendance and complete and file the state form prior to May 1.

The parents or legal guardians of public school students eligible for transportation reimbursement must file first semester claims by December 1. Parents or legal guardians of public school students qualifying for reimbursement after January 1 must contact the Manager of Transportation to complete and file the state form prior to May 1. Any claims received after that date, will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Non-public payments from the state are made in late summer to early fall for the entire year.

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Chapter 285.1 (3), 285.2, Code of Iowa, 1966,
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