

Berkeley USD Transportation Department Field Trip Information & Rates

Berkeley USD Transportation Department oversees all field trip requests for school sites in the City of Berkeley. If the Transportation Department is not able to accommodate a field trip request due to a schedule conflict with home-to-school routes, etc., the requestor will be provided with a current copy of the approved vendors' list at that time. All previous versions of the approved vendors' list shall be discarded.

Standard practice during the school year when submitting a request is to include the original or fillable "Special Driver Trip Request" form when reserving a field trip with Transportation. Faxes are not acceptable. For Berkeley sites, a payment based on the estimated cost can be submitted prior to the date of the trip. For all Non-Berkeley Schools or Organizations, a trip request form and full payment with Berkeley USD Transportation Department shall be submit within ten (10) days prior to the date of the trip. If the trip request and payment have not been received in the allotted time, your schedule field trip will be canceled. For all Berkeley schools, please indicate on the field trip request any payments from grants, private funding or Berkeley USD budget codes. Requestor is responsible ensuring funds are available in the budget code when reserving your trip. **A fillable Special Driver Trip Request Form is available on our webpage at <https://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/transportation>.**

Any adjustments from the estimated hours & miles will be included at the completion of the field trip. If payment is made and final cost is less than the estimate, a credit will be applied toward a future field trip request. Berkeley USD Accounting & Transportation cannot issue a refund once a payment is processed. All payments shall be paid with a personal/cashier check or money order. Cash payment or credit card will not be accepted. Please submit payments to the Transportation Department. All payments received will be processed and forward to Berkeley USD Accounting Department.

The requestor should review the estimate and make sure that the departure and return times are correct, and/or agreed to with our Field Trip Coordinator, Chawn Jackson. Estimates submitted are based on miles for out-of-town trips, travel time to schools or sites; to the destination, return travel and bus returning to the bus yard.

Fee are accumulated based on three factors that includes fuel costs, vehicle mileage, driver's hourly and overtime wages. If you seek a reduction of the total cost of your trip, you may consider the amount time at the destination. Please plan accordingly; any delays may accrue additional charges. A cancellation charge of \$100 per bus will be assess for less than 24-hour notification.

Berkeley USD bus drivers shall not deviate from the field trip itinerary, no exceptions. For any scheduling, destination changes please contact us within 24 hours from the date of the trip. You can reach the Field Trip Coordinators, Chawn Jackson by email at chawnjackson@berkeley.net, call 510-644-6182 or Kelsey Jones at 510-644-6182, ext. 15203 or by email at kelseyjones@berkeley.net for any questions regarding trip requests, estimates, adjustments, invoices and final bill. Thank you.

NOTE: To avoid any delays with our home-to-school bus routes, Field Trip Coordinators will only book field trips with a schedule pickup time at or after 9:30am, and drop off no later than 1:30pm. Any other requested times will conflict with regular bell schedules. Any new charter, SPAB bus company will be vetted by Transportation Department management during the summer only. When approved will be added on the approved vendors' list for the upcoming school year.

COVID POST-PANDEMIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

For your continued support during these difficult times and as we work to navigate the “new normal”, we’ve thought a lot about how we can continue to provide the safest transportation, while also providing peace of mind. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, post-pandemic and to ensure the highest possible standards of cleanliness and disinfection, Berkeley Unified School District has enacted the following protocols, guided by current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Education, California Public Health Department, Alameda County Public Health Department, City of Berkeley Public Health and recommendations from other school bus regulatory agencies to continued their “Best Practices” plan that specifically addresses actions to be taken for our school buses, bus drivers, and our passengers.

Berkeley Unified School District has procured electrostatic sprayers that will allow us to continue to disinfect ALL surface areas inside the school bus. This is far more effective than wiping and non-electrostatic fogging, as it allows for the solutions to meet dwell times so they can work to their full capabilities. This process also reduces the likelihood of cross contamination that can result with spray and wipe techniques, which can simply move bacteria from one surface to another.

Secondly, we shall follow the recommended protocols and safeguards on school buses for Berkeley USD student activity field trips.

- Face coverings for all passengers is “optional” but “strongly recommended” while on Berkeley school buses.

Our student transportation service will continue to operate safely as we follow these and other rapidly evolving precautions identified by the aforementioned agencies. The safety of our students, teachers, adults/chaperones and bus drivers continues to be our highest priority. We thank you for your trust and support as we continue to operate as the safest and most reliable transportation in the industry.

Berkeley USD Transportation Field Trips Fees

- Standard Rates for Berkeley USD Schools/Programs (In-Town Field Trips)

Rate	Mileage	Fuel Cost Based on varying EIA Rates per gallon	Driver Hourly Wages (Step 5: Salary Schedule) \$31.02
\$250.00	Included	Included	Included

In Berkeley destinations round-trip request is \$250.00; one-way request is \$122.50. Seventy-two (72) capacity school bus typically can transport 52 passengers comfortably. Please reserve the correct number of buses for total passengers for your trip.

- Standard Rates for Berkeley USD Schools (Out-of-Berkeley Field Trips)

Hourly Rate	Mileage Rate Per Mile	Fuel Cost Based on varying EIA Rates per gallon	Driver Hourly Wages (Step 5: Salary Schedule) \$31.02
\$50.00	\$3.75	Included	Included

Out of town destinations for Berkeley Schools is \$50 an hour & mileage rate is \$3.75 per mile. Seventy-two (72) capacity school bus typically can transport 52 passengers comfortably. Please reserve the correct of number of buses for total passengers for your trip.

- Standard Rates for Non-Berkeley USD Schools/Programs/Organizations

Rate (4.0 Hours or Less)	Additional Hours Rate (After 4.0 Hrs)	Mileage Rate Per Mile	Driver's Hourly Wages (Step 5: Salary Schedule) \$31.02	Fuel Cost Based on varying EIA Rates per gallon
\$550.00	\$150.00 (per-hour)	\$5.00	Included	Mileage Rate

Out of town destinations for Non-Berkeley School Districts/Programs/Organizations, the standard rate is \$550.00 per bus, additional hours charges is \$150.00 an hour per bus. Mileage rate is \$5.00 per mile. Seventy-two (72) capacity school bus typically can transport 52 passengers comfortably. Please reserve the correct of number of buses for total passengers for your trip.

Pricing for driver wages based on Berkeley USD & Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE) salary schedules. Variable renewable diesel fuel prices per gallon based on the average price calculated from the U.S Energy Information Administration (EIA) <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gas/diesel/>. Prices reached on the demand in-region consumption, movements of fuels to other regions of the United States, and exports to the global market. Supply includes in-region refinery production; receipt of fuels transferred from other U.S. Distribution infrastructure includes storage terminals, pipelines, marine loading and unloading facilities, marine vessels, rail facilities and State of California Emission Control Standards. **(Hours and mileage rate increases are due to inflated diesel fuel cost)**