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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **Florida School District Transportation Profiles**

The quality of Florida's school transportation programs is measured by safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. The purpose of this document is to allow transportation directors and other interested persons to obtain a thumbnail picture of the unique characteristics of each of Florida's school districts. This is the seventeenth annual edition of the profiles. The data demonstrates the complexity and variety of factors that result in differing costs for student transportation among districts.

This document should provoke thoughtful, probing questions, and encourage more complex data collection to explain many of the variations in costs among districts. Great care should be taken when making comparisons among districts. Conclusions should be drawn with extreme caution and only after careful scrutiny and analysis.

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\* (BRF) = Bus Replacement Factor  
 (TOE) = Transportation Operating Expenditures  
 (TTE) = Total Transportation Expenditures

## **Sources of Information for Profiles**

Data for the Transportation Profiles were compiled from the following sources:

1. 2002 Florida Statistical Abstract, Florida Estimates of Populations: 2000 Census Data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
2. Florida Department of Transportation, 2003 City/County Mileage Report.
3. Florida Department of Education: School Transportation Management, Funding and Financial Reporting, and Education Information and Accountability Services. Student Membership, Fall 2006.
4. Chief Operating and Education Finance Officer (COEFO) Memorandum Number 08-16, 2006-07 Final Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Calculation.
5. District Annual Financial Reports, FY 06-07, Office of Funding and Financial Reporting, School Support Services.
6. Transportation Directors, Florida School Districts.

# Sources and Methodology

## General Information

Fiscal Year  
Enrollment Pre-K-12  
Eligible Students Transported  
Percentage Enrollment Transported  
# Students Center-to-Center  
# Pre-K Students  
# Teen Parent Students  
# Hazardous Walking Students  
# K-12 Students With Disabilities  
# Courtesy Students

## District Demographics

Area  
Population  
Road Miles  
    Paved  
    Non-paved

## School Demographics

# Designated "Choice Schools"  
ESE Centers  
Teen Parent Centers  
Pre-K Centers  
School Centers Served by Bus (not including charter schools)

## School Day Characteristics

1/2 Day K or Pre-K  
# Schools with Mandatory 7<sup>th</sup> Period  
# Schools with Optional 7<sup>th</sup> Period  
# Schools with Early Release Days  
# Early Release Days  
Year-Round Schools  
Staggered School Times  
Court-Ordered Busing

## Personnel Data

# Positions with Primarily Supervisory Duties  
    (Operations and Maintenance)  
# Positions with Primarily Clerical Duties  
    (Operations and Maintenance)  
# Bus Drivers  
# Substitutes (Permanent and Part-time)  
# Bus Attendants  
# Additional Operations Positions  
# Technicians  
# Additional Fleet Maintenance Positions  
Total Transportation Positions (= Total above)

## Sources

2006-07  
DOE/Education Information and Accountability Services, Fall 2006  
Automated FEFP Trans. Survey Average Oct. 2006/Feb. 2007  
Eligible Trans. Student/Enrollment, Pre-K-12  
Automated FEFP Trans. Survey Average Oct. 2006/Feb. 2007  
Automated FEFP Transportation Survey (TS)  
Automated FEFP TS  
Automated FEFP TS  
Automated FEFP TS  
Automated FEFP TS (minus ineligible students transported)

2002 Florida Statistical Abstract/2000 Census Data  
2002 Florida Statistical Abstract/2000 Census Data

FL DOT, 2003 City/County Mileage Report  
FL DOT, 2003 City/County Mileage Report

District Profiles Worksheet for 2006-07  
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# Sources and Methodology (continued)

## Bus and Facility Summary

Daily Service Buses on District Inventory  
Spare Buses on District Inventory  
Activity/Other Buses on District Inventory  
Buses in Daily Service from Automated FEFP Report  
Percent Fleet Used Primarily for Special  
Needs Students  
# Bus Maintenance Facilities  
# Bus Compounds  
# Fuel Sites  
Percent Fleet Compounded

## Sources

School Bus Inventory System Data, May 2008  
School Bus Inventory System Data, May 2008  
School Bus Inventory System Data, May 2008  
Automated FEFP Trans. Survey Average Oct. 2006/Feb. 2007  
District Profiles Worksheet for 2006-07  
  
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## Bus Type

Type A  
Type B  
Type C  
Type D  
Gas  
Diesel  
Alternate Fuels  
With Lift  
Without Lift

School Bus Inventory System Data, May 2008  
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School Bus Inventory System Data, May 2008

## Expenditure Summary

Total Transportation Expenditures  
Total Transportation Expenditures less actual  
Bus Purchases plus 10% Bus Replacement Factor  
Expenditures for:  
Purchase of Buses  
Motor Fuel  
Vehicle Miles:  
Total Annual Miles  
Total Annual Field/Activity Trip Miles  
Total Salaries  
Total Benefits

District Annual Financial Report (AFR) 06-07  
AFR 06-07  
  
AFR 06-07  
AFR 06-07  
  
District Profiles Worksheet for 2006-07  
District Profiles Worksheet for 2006-07  
AFR 06-07  
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## State Funding

2006-07 State Allocation  
  
Estimated Summer School Allocation  
Average Bus Occupancy  
Annual Allocation per Student  
Annual Supplement per Student with Disabilities  
Percent State Funding  
Percent Local Funding  
FPLI Index

COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final Florida Education Finance Program  
(FEFP) Calculation  
July 06 + June 07 Allocation from COEFO 08-16  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation  
100% minus Percent State Funding for 06-07  
COEFO 08-16, 06-07 Final FEFP Calculation

# Explanation of Methodology

## Percentage Enrollment Transported

Derived by dividing the average number of eligible students reported as transported on the October 2006/February 2007 Automated Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Transportation Survey by the Fall 2006 Student Membership reported to the Bureau of Education Information and Accountability Services, Florida Department of Education (DOE).

- State Average: 38.90%
- Mega District Average: 34.31% (districts with 400 or more buses in daily service)
- Urban District Average: 47.34% (200-399 buses)
- Rural District Average: 48.82% (199 or fewer buses)

## Percentage of State Funding

Derived by dividing legislative appropriation by total transportation expenditures including bus replacement (less actual bus purchases, but including bus replacement factor) on 2006-07 Annual Financial Report (AFR) (general and special revenue).

- State Average: 45.33%

## Operating Expenditures per Student

Derived from total transportation expenditures on 2006-07 AFR (general and special revenue) including capital projects expenditures for bus purchases, less total expenditures for purchase of buses from all fund sources. This calculation is divided by total adjusted number of students transported from the final transportation calculation (all 2006-07 transportation surveys).

- State Average: \$901.51

## Operating Cost per Annual Mile

Derived from total transportation expenditures on 2006-07 AFR (general and special revenue) including capital projects expenditures for bus purchases, less total expenditures for purchase of buses from all fund sources. This calculation is divided by the total annual miles reported by school districts on the Transportation Profile Worksheet.

- State Average: \$3.14
- Mega District Average: \$3.36 (districts with 400 or more buses in daily service)
- Urban District Average: \$2.87 (200-399 buses)
- Rural District Average: \$ 2.78 (199 or fewer buses)

## **Explanation of Methodology (continued)**

### **Total Transportation Expenditures Including Bus Replacement**

Derived from total transportation expenditures on 2006-07 AFR (general and special revenue) including capital expenditures for bus purchases, less total expenditures for purchase of buses from all fund sources, plus 10% bus replacement factor. Bus replacement factor included due to impact of time lines associated with ordering, manufacturing, and delivering district school buses.

- Statewide Total: \$1,065,596,219.42

**TRANSPORTATION PROFILE WORKSHEET for 2006-07 District name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**• Physical Demographics**

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | A. Percent Fleet Used Primarily for Special Needs Students      |
|  | B. # Bus Maintenance Facilities                                 |
|  | C. # Fuel Sites   |
|  | D. # Bus Compounds  |
|  | E. Percent Fleet Compounded                                     |
|  | F. # Designated "Choice Schools"                                |
|  | G. # Charter Schools  |
|  | H. # ESE Centers (not including charter schools)                |
|  | I. # Teen Parent Centers  |
|  | J. # Pre-K Centers  |
|  | K. # Charter Schools Served by Bus                              |
|  | # School Centers Served by Bus ( not including charter schools) |

**• Personnel**

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | U. # Positions with Primarily Supervisory Duties (Operations & Fleet Maintenance) |
|  | V. # Positions with Primarily Clerical Duties (Operations & Fleet Maintenance)    |
|  | W. # Bus Drivers  |
|  | X. # Substitutes (Permanent and Part-Time)  |
|  | Y. # Bus Attendants/Aides/Monitors  |
|  | Z. # Additional Operations Positions (Non-Supervisory)                            |
|  | AA. # Technicians   |
|  | BB. # Additional Fleet Maintenance Positions                                      |
|  | CC. Total Transportation Positions (= Total Above)                                |

**• School Day Characteristics**

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | M. 1/2 Day Pre-K or Kindergarten  |
|  | N. # Schools with Mandatory 7th period  |
|  | O. # Schools with Optional 7th period   |
|  | P. # Schools with Early Release Days  |
|  | Q. # of Early Release Days  |
|  | R. # Year-Round Schools   |
|  | S. Staggered School Times to Accommodate Buses  |
|  | T. Court-Ordered Busing for Racial Balance<br>(Court-Ordered=CO; District Imposed=DI; See instructions) |

**• Mileage Data**

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | DD. Total Annual Route Miles (not including field and activity trips)               |
|  | EE. Total Annual Field and Activity Trips Miles (not including regular route miles) |

• All other data provided by DOE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DISTRICT PROFILE

Note: All data is to be supplied for the 2006-07 school year.

### • Physical Demographics

- A. Please include number of buses used for all categories of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program students, not just physically disabled.
- B. Include any facility where monthly inspections or higher level maintenance is being performed. Please do not include any site that does not have a garage building.
- C. Include garages, schools, or other sites where buses are fueled.
- D. Include any garage or other area where buses are stored overnight. (Do not include driver's home.)
- E. Percentage of fleet stored at locations in (D) above.
- F. Include any school designated as a school serving more than one attendance zone or the entire district that students may attend based on full or controlled parental option. Also include schools serving as Magnet Schools.
- G. Include any schools operating under charter school statutes.
- H. Include all ESE sites where students are transported primarily from door to door and/or on special education buses (at regular school sites, special sites, or both). **Do not include charter schools.**
- I. Include all locations to which you transport either teen parents or the infant children of teen parents.
- J. Include any sites where Pre-K instructional programs are provided and to which Pre-K students are transported by bus.
- K. Number of charter schools served by bus.
- L. Include all regular school sites and any special sites that are classified as "school centers" (i.e., sites that have a Florida School House Inventory number).

### • School Day Characteristics

- M. Does your district transport students home after a half day of Kindergarten or Pre-K? Answer "Yes" or "No."
- N. Number of schools that offer mandatory 7th period.
- O. Number of schools that offer transportation for optional 7th period.
- P. Other than Kindergarten or Pre-K, indicate the number of schools with scheduled early release days.
- Q. How many days during the school year are early release days?
- R. How many schools operate on Year-Round Education schedules?
- S. Does your district stagger school bell times to accommodate transportation efficiency and scheduling? Answer "Yes" or "No."
- T. Do you have court-ordered (CO) or district imposed (DI) busing to provide for racial balance? Answer "CO", "DI", "Unknown", or "No."

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DISTRICT PROFILE (continued)**

Note: All data is to be supplied for the 2006-07 school year.

- **Personnel**

U-CC. These questions are self-explanatory. Include the number of positions (as described in each category) assigned to transportation and those with primary responsibility in transportation if paid from a separate fund source (e.g., ESE).

- **Mileage Data**

DD. Show total annual route miles for 2006-07. This includes all regular routes and any other daily school use, **but does not include field and activity trips, etc.**

EE. Show total annual field and activity trip miles for 2006-07, **not including regular route miles.**

**For DOE Use:** (DD) plus (EE) equals Total Annual Miles