



# School Transportation



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There are many reasons why a family may need support with school transportation costs. Distance or location may be an issue, or a child may have special educational or physical needs, requiring assistance to access the school.

If your child has been a victim of bullying, you may have chosen a different school further away. These and other reasons may be grounds for applying for assistance with school transportation costs.

**CHILDREN WHO ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL  
MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT IF THEY ATTEND  
THEIR NEAREST SUITABLE SCHOOL AND MEET ANY OF THE  
FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- The school is more than 2 miles away, and the child is under 8 years old.
- The school is more than 3 miles away, and the child is 8 years or older.
- There is no safe walking route between home and school.
- The child cannot walk due to special educational needs, disabilities, or mobility issues.
- Children will also qualify for free school transport if they are:
  - Aged 8 to 11, attending their nearest school, and it is at least 2 miles away.
  - Aged 11 to 16, attending a school 2 to 6 miles away, if it is one of their 3 nearest suitable schools.
  - Aged 11 to 16, attending a school 2 to 15 miles away, if it was chosen due to religion or belief.

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