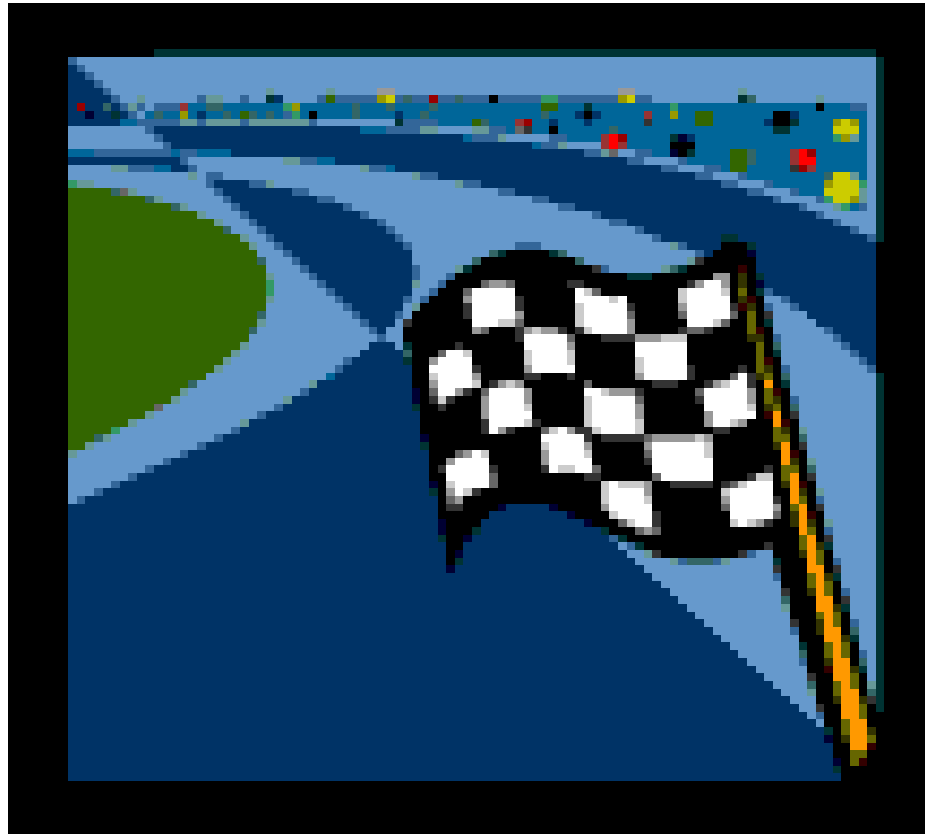


SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Authority: s. 1011.68, F.S.



General Description

- Funding formula provides funds to 67 school districts for school district transportation based on each district's prorata share of state transported students.
- Additional funding is provided for the transportation of certain disabled students (hereafter referred to as ESE students).

General Description continued

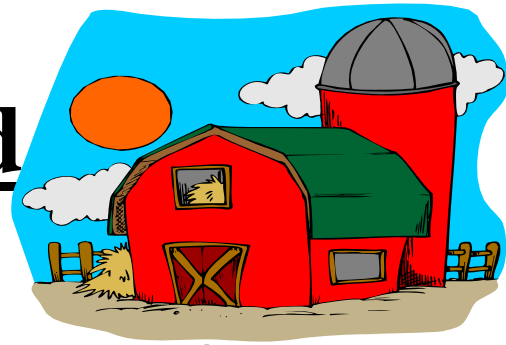
- ESE student eligibility is limited to students requiring additional specialized transportation services.
- Eligible students transported by private vehicles and eligible students for which the district pays fares are treated as any other transported students.



General Description continued

- Adjustments are made for cost of living differences (Florida Price Level Index (FPLI)).
 - The purpose of the FPLI is to measure the differences from county to county in the cost of purchasing a specific market basket of goods and services at a particular point in time.

General Description continued



- Adjustments are made for the percent of population outside of urban centers (Rurality Index).
 - number of urban and rural inhabitants for each Florida county from the latest Florida Statistical Abstract.

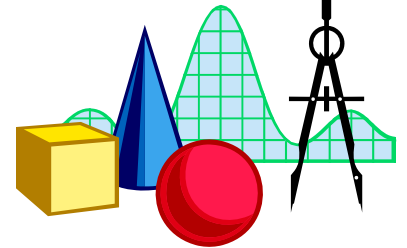


General Description continued

- Adjustments are made for an efficiency factor that is based upon the average number of eligible students transported per bus (category B) in daily service to encourage greater bus utilization (Average Bus Occupancy or ABO).
- Each adjustment factor is designed to affect the base allocation by no more or less than 10 percent.

Transportation Funding Formula

- The funding formula is comprised of two components:
- ESE component provides additional funding for transported ESE students. The ESE student component is fully funded with the balance prorated as the base allocation component.
- Base component provides funding for all fundable transported students including ESE students.



Sequence of Surveys

- Survey Period 1 (July) covers from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) to the beginning of the defined 180 day school year.



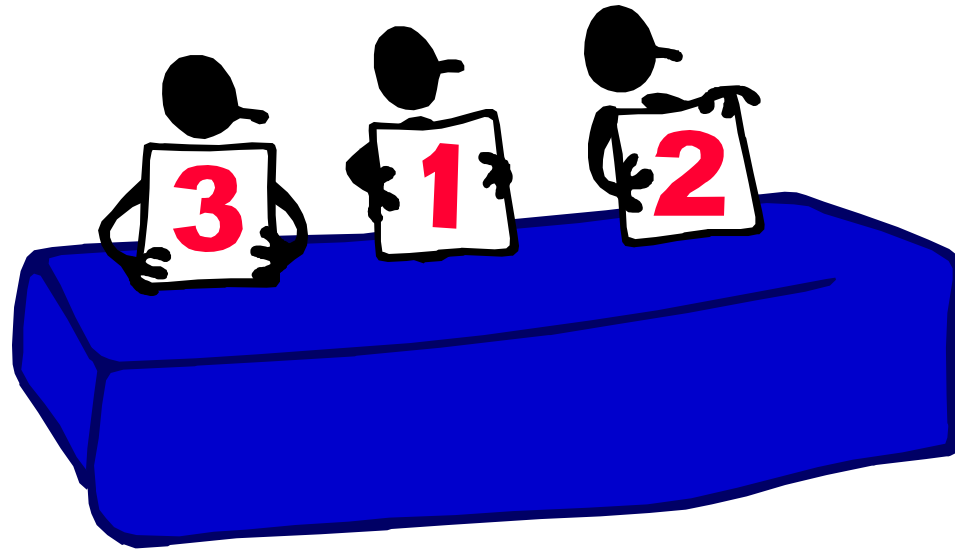
Sequence of Surveys

- Survey Period 2 (October) covers the first 90 days of the 180 day school year.



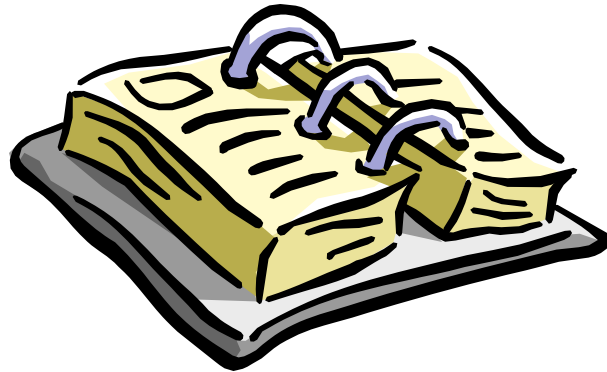
Sequence of Surveys

- Survey Period 3 (February) covers the second 90 days of the 180 day school year.

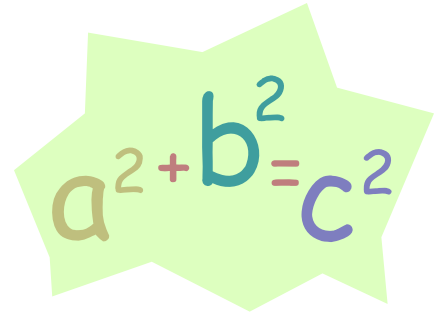


Sequence of Surveys

- Survey Period 4 (June) covers the period from the end of the 180 day school program to the end of the fiscal year (June 30).



Transportation Calculations



- **First Calculation**

- completed immediately after the annual legislative session
- based on district's number of eligible students transported from the transportation surveys for July, preceding fiscal year; October, preceding fiscal year; and June, second preceding fiscal year

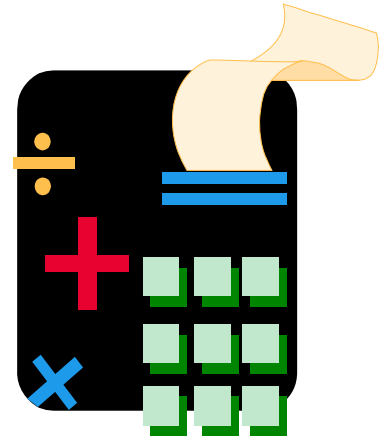


Transportation Calculations

- **Second Calculation**

- completed upon receipt of the district's transportation surveys for July, current fiscal year; October, current fiscal year; and June, preceding fiscal year
- Prior Year Amendments are incorporated in the 2nd, 3rd and Final Calculation

Transportation Calculations



- **Third Calculation**

- completed upon receipt of the district's transportation surveys for July, current fiscal year; October, current fiscal year; February, current fiscal year; and June, preceding fiscal year

Transportation Calculations



- **Final Calculation**

- completed upon receipt of the district's transportation surveys for July, current fiscal year; October, current fiscal year; February, current fiscal year; and June, current fiscal year

Base Allocation Students



Adjusted July Students 67.09	+	Adjusted October Students 7,656.50	+	Adjusted February Students 7,632.50	+	Adjusted June Students 54.85	=	
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Base Allocation Factor

Total
Adjusted Base
Students
15,410.94

X

Florida
Price Level
Index
0.9994

X

Average
Bus Occupancy
Index
1.0433

X

Rurality
Index
0.9530

=

Base
Allocation Factor
15,313.36

Average Bus Occupancy Index

October Students	+	February Students	=	Average Students
15,296		15,063		15,179.5

October Buses	+	February Buses	=	Average Buses
164		164		164.0

Average Students	•	Average Buses	=	Average Bus Occupancy
15,179.5	–	164.0		92.56
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Calculating the Bus Occupancy Index

Average Bus Occupancy is calculated using a formula which rewards efficiency. This efficiency factor is based upon the average number of eligible students transported per bus in daily service. This encourages greater bus utilization.



Exceptional Allocation Students

Adjusted July ESE Students 15.03	+	Adjusted October ESE Students 240.00	+	Adjusted February ESE Students 275.00	+	Adjusted June ESE Students 11.10	=
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Total Adjusted ESE Students 541.13	X	Factor of 1.8	=	Weighted Adjusted ESE Students 974.03
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ESE Allocation Factor

Total
Weighted Adjusted ESE
Students
974.03

X

Florida
Price Level
Index
0.9994

X

Average
Bus Occupancy
Index
1.0433

X

Rurality
Index
0.9530

=

ESE
Allocation Factor
967.86

E = MC²

Funding Summary

Example: Bay

District ESE Allocation Factor 967.86	X	Prior Year State Average Cost per Student \$701	=	District ESE Allocation \$678,470
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Total State Allocation \$423,087,042	-	Total State ESE Allocation \$44,644,127	=	Total State Base Allocation \$378,442,915
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Funding Summary continued

Example: Alachua

District Base Allocation Factor 15,313.36	• — •	Total State Base Allocation Factor 980,335.88	=	District Proration Factor .015620524
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District Proration Factor .015620524	X	Total State Base Allocation \$378,442,915	=	District Base Allocation \$5,911,477
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Funding Summary continued



Example: Alachua

District Base Allocation \$5,911,477	+	District ESE Allocation \$678,470	=	Total District Allocation \$6,589,947
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Total District Allocation \$6,589,947	+	Prior Year Adjustments 26,688	=	District Net Allocation \$6,616,635
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