

Is BCSC required to provide bus transportation for students?

No. Indiana law does not require school districts to provide transportation.

Could the district increase its revenue by charging students for transportation to other schools?

Indiana law requires public school districts that provide transportation to provide transportation to non public schools IF it is already on the way and IF it is requested. We could not charge students who fit those criteria.

Could the district charge its own students for transportation?

It is currently unclear if that would be allowed. Other school districts have proposed doing that, and the issue is being decided in court.

Could the district increase its revenue by charging for transportation to day care?

BCSC provides transportation to its own students to and from daycare (and daycare homes) if that is what the parents request. The daycare site must be in the district, and the pickup and drop off must be consistent. It is doubtful that the district could or would charge for transportation to day care sites. It is much safer for those students to be at daycare before and after school than it is to have them at home alone.

Does the district charge the Y before- and after-school program for transportation?

No. The Y before- and after-school program is treated like any other daycare for purposes of transportation.

What does it cost the district to provide bus transportation?

For 2009, the total expenditure for transportation operations and bus replacement was \$3,413,684. A total of 5,884 students are eligible to ride school buses. That makes the cost of transportation \$580.16 per pupil per year. If you assume a 180-day school calendar, that amounts to \$3.22 per student per day.

Remember that bus replacement and transportation operations are not paid out of the general fund. Although it is possible to save money by reducing transportation, it does not directly impact the general fund shortfall.

Do the parents of the Y students have to transport them to the program and then the bus takes them to school?

Yes, in general, parents drop their children off in the morning at the Y program, and a BCSC shuttle bus transports the students to their school. The process is reversed for the afternoon dismissal.