

Bus Structure

Mandated/Non Mandated information

For 21/22 SY we currently contract 20 buses total, shared between both towns.
Each bus is assigned a tiered route. A tiered route is defined by how many schools it services.

Ex: Bus 1 in Hanson is a three tier route (drives to 3 schools) High School, Middle School and Indian Head School

Ex: Bus 21 in Whitman is a four tier route (drives to 4 schools) High School, Middle School Conley & Duval

6 buses are 4 tier



12 buses are 3 tier



2 buses are 2 tier



Bus tiers are created with student capacity, geographical area, and total drive time in mind.

Each bus needs to be able to get to the next school with adequate time for both arrival and dismissal.

Example of the current First Student contract pricing 22-23 SY

type	routes	Daily amt	Extended amount
1 Tier	0	\$378.66	0
2 Tier	2	\$436.54	\$873.08
3 Tier	12	\$461.97	\$5,543.64
4 Tier	6	\$493.82	\$2,962.92
K	6	\$60.18	\$361.08

\$9740.72/day

Total Transportation Costs

\$9740.72/Day x 180 Days = \$1,753,329.60

Add \$10,000. for fuel clause allocation

We will utilize 20 buses, being dispersed in the manner below.

High School - 19

Hanson Middle - 9

Whitman Middle - 9

Indian Head - 12

Conley - 8

Duval - 7

Current First Student contract pricing 22-23 SY (updated with no non mandated WM)

type	routes	Daily amt	Extended amount
1 Tier	0	\$378.66	0
2 Tier	1	\$436.54	\$436.54
3 Tier	18	\$461.97	\$8315.46
4 Tier	1	\$493.82	\$493.82
K	6	\$60.18	\$361.08

\$9,606.90/day

Total Transportation Costs

\$9,606.90/Day x 180 Days = \$1,729,242.

Add \$10,000. for fuel clause allocation

We will utilize 20 buses, being dispersed in the manner below.

High School - 19

Hanson Middle - 9

Whitman Middle -5

Indian Head - 12

Conley - 8

Duval - 7

Current First Student contract pricing 22-23 SY (updated with no non mandated)

type	routes	Daily amt	Extended amount
1 Tier	0	\$378.66	0
2 Tier	5	\$436.54	\$2182.70
3 Tier	14	\$461.97	\$6467.58
4 Tier	0	\$493.82	0
K	6	\$60.18	\$361.08

\$9,011.36/day

Total Transportation Costs

\$9,011.36/Day x 180 Days = \$1,622,044.80

Add \$10,000. for fuel clause allocation

We will utilize 19 buses, being dispersed in the manner below.

High School - 19

Hanson Middle - 9

Whitman Middle -5

Indian Head - 12

Conley - 4

Duval - 3

Differences in overall Transportation Budget Scenarios for 22/23 SY

As is - \$1,763,329.60

Removing WM Non-Mandated- \$1,739,242.60 (diff. of \$24,087.00)

Removing all of Non-Mandated- \$1,632,044.80 (diff. of \$131,284.80)

Difference in non-mandated line item

As is -

Whitman- \$487,839

Hanson- \$121,475

Removing WM only:

Whitman- \$396,025

Hanson- \$127,925

Removing all of Whitman non-mandated:

Whitman- \$0

Hanson- \$155,433

FY 2021/22 Transportation Information - Budget/Student Breakdown

School	Total Students	No Bus	Non-Mandated	Mandated	Total Bused	Cost of Non-Mandated
Conley	492	78	328	86	414	\$
Duval	424	84	253	87	340	\$
WMS	514	106	173	235	408	\$
WHHS	629	190	1	438	439	\$
Total	2059	458	755	846	1601	\$
HMS	459	40	61	358	419	\$
IH	499	46	127	326	453	\$
WHHS	413	157	0	256	256	\$
Total	1371	243	188	940	1128	\$
Overall total	3430	701	943	1786	2729	\$

Cost of Busses
Total Students Bussed

\$1.763,330.00
2729

How is the Budget affected if Whitman takes away the Non-Mandated Transportation

(The tier structure would need to be set and in place in order for a more defined cost savings)

The discrepancy in cost savings is due to the fact that we will still need to utilize 20 buses.

Only the tier structure on how the buses are used will change.

The cost to run a 4 tier route is higher in price but you are providing more of a service in return

Overall a 4 tier is more cost effective in the long run than running 3 tiers
3 tiers are more cost effective than 2 tiers etc...etc..

Concerns with removing Non-Mandated busing

- More students out and about on roadways.
- Influx in cars for drop off and pickup at the Schools.
- Distracted drivers.
- Registered Offenders.
- Non supervision/in regards to parents who don't walk with students.
- Crossing RxR.
- Parents with no transportation, with infants & or toddlers.
- Elderly home supervising unable to walk distances.
- Winter and inclement weather and heat wave.
- Crossing numbered roads (example 14,18, 27).
- Our district guidelines currently state students cannot cross numbered roads except where a crossing guard is posted. There will be a need for additional crossing guards to ensure walkers are not crossing numbered roads.
- By making it harder for some students to come to school, absenteeism and tardiness will increase.
- K siblings won't get a bus.
- Daycare providers residing in the walk zone won't get a bus.