

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transportation Proposition 2015-2016

Board of Education

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The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.

Large
Vehicles

175

7
passenger
vans / cars

13

20 & 28
passenger
vans

83

Transportation History



15 WCSD in district
buildings
103 out of district
schools & programs

Total
student
ridership
12,682

Total miles traveled
2013-2014
3,185,865

Transportation FAQ's

- There are many bus stops very close to each other – why?
 - Bus stops are routed based on Board of Education policy 8410. Some road stops are closer than policy due to road conditions, bus safety committee recommendations, student special education needs and 504 accommodations for students.
- Why are buses parked along road ways, in shopping plazas, parking lots etc?
 - WCSD has a three tier bus system where the start times of our schools and out of district schools and programs that we transport to must be routed in the most efficient manner possible. For some routes it is not efficient for the vehicles to travel the distance back to the bus depot to wait until the next tier or run to begin

Transportation FAQ's cont'd

- Why do our busses never seem to be full?
 - There are many reasons why WVSD's busses may appear "empty". WCSD is 100% transportation and every child is entitled to a seat on a school bus. Transportation bases their routing on this premise. Additionally WCSD follow's Board of Education policy related to the bus ridership time.
 - In addition to being on the road from 5:30am to 5:30 pm daily for standard routing to include in-district and out of district programs, there are also sports trips, daily shuttling for maintenance between facilities and Department of Transportation inspections. Our 263 drivers cover the 120 mile radius within our district as well as traveling to Sullivan, Orange, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties daily so this great distance does indeed call for "empty" vehicles.
- Is it true that bus drivers cannot use cell phones while driving?
 - Bus drivers should NEVER be using cell phones or hands free devices while driving a school bus, while at a bus stop, while students are on board their vehicles so that their attention is focused on safety. ONLY in emergency situations when the driver cannot access their radio communication should a cell phone be used only when the vehicle is pulled over and in park.

Requested Replacements 2015-2016

14 - 71
passenger
buses
\$1,516,015

5 - 20
passenger
vans
\$228,998

3
wheelchair
buses
\$186,826

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\$1,931,839

Vehicles to be replaced 2015-2016

17 large buses

years in svce
13-16 years

Avg mileage
134,552

6 passenger
vans

years in svce
13-14 years

Avg mileage
182,496

Transportation locations 2015-2016 (preliminary)

Main Garage and Transportation Office

- House 72 large vehicles
- Supervisor, Head Bus Drivers and clerical on site
- Mechanics on site
- Vehicles temporarily out of service and on preventative maintenance schedule kept on site

Van Wyck Junior High School

- House 80 large vehicles
- Head Bus Driver and clerical on site

Fishkill Plains Elementary

- House 98 small vehicles
- Head Bus Driver and clerical on site
- Mechanics on site
- Department of Transportation inspection site
- Bus Wash on site
- Vehicles temporarily out of service and on preventative maintenance schedule kept on site

Transportation Proposition 2015-2016

- Vehicles will be removed from the fleet and sold via auction in accordance with District policy
- Funding mechanism – 5 year bond anticipation notes payable

Approximate gross annual cost	\$386,368
Estimated state aid (53.1%)	\$205,161
NET annual cost of Trans Prop	\$181,207

724 rusted frame & 629 engine fire



Rusted frame