

Transportation Costs & Options for 2017 School Expansions

Horry County Schools

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South Carolina School Bus Transportation Laws & Regulations

Section 59-67-420 **Extent of Transportation to be provided**

It is declared to be the policy of the State, acting through the State Board of Education to assume no obligation to transport any child to or from school who lives within **one and one-half miles** of the school he attends, nor to provide transportation services extending within a .3 tenths of a mile radius of the residence of the child.

School bus stops on each route shall not be closer than two-tenths of a mile apart at safe points.

Transportation for HCS operates as a two tier system or double routed system.

All buses transport Primary & Elementary then continue on 2nd Route and transport Middle & High school students.

The St. James Intermediate school requires a **three tier** transportation system or **3rd route**.

16 Additional buses will be required to provide this service.

Transportation Facts

- There are 42,624 students currently enrolled in HCS.
- 5,422 students that live within 1.5 miles of their home school.
- 13% of enrolled students live within 1.5 miles of their home school.

Bus Transportation

- Currently we have 4,637 students that live within 1.5 miles of their home school and ride a county or state bus to or from school

Project: St. James Intermediate Option 1

St. James Intermediate times with current middle school route:

- Add 300 students to middle school route
- These additional students would create an over capacity on buses
- 10 additional buses would be needed to meet current student projections
- Most cost effective option
- Adjust starting times of Middle or Intermediate schools one would need to be 8:25 – 3:30, the other would need to be 8:30 – 3:45

St. James Intermediate Option 2

If using an Intermediate structure, we will be making this a 3 tier system

We would need

16 additional buses

17 additional bus drivers

Currently we use 17 buses for Burgess, Seaside & St. James

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- If Intermediate time structure

16 additional buses would be need

- If Middle School structure

no additional buses

New Ocean Bay

- If an Intermediate Structure would be used 16 Additional Buses would be needed
- If a Middle School structure used no additional buses needed

Project: St. James Intermediate

School 1			
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Buses Needed: 16			
	# Needed	Per Bus	Totals
Buses	16	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 1,440,000.00
Fuel (annual cost)	16	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 104,000.00
Camera/Radios/Air Time	16	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Maintenance (annual cost for new bus)	16	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Supervisor (plus benefits)	1	\$ 54,644.68	\$ 54,644.68
Assistant Supervisor (plus benefits)	1	\$ 37,460.76	\$ 37,460.76
Drivers (plus benefits)	16	\$ 19,241.18	\$ 307,858.88
Fleet Mechanic (plus benefits)	1	\$ 46,076.24	\$ 46,076.24
1st Year Total Cost	16 Buses		\$ 2,094,040.56
<i>* New bus lot costs are not included</i>			

If all 3 go to an Intermediate Structure

	# Needed	Per Bus	Totals
Buses	51	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 4,590,000.00
Fuel (annual cost)	51	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 331,500.00
Camera/Radios/Air Time	51	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 306,000.00
Maintenance (annual cost for new	51	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,500.00
Supervisor (plus benefits)	1	\$ 54,644.68	\$ 54,644.68
Assistant Supervisor (plus benefit	1	\$ 37,460.76	\$ 37,460.76
Drivers (plus benefits)	51	\$ 19,241.18	\$ 981,300.18
Fleet Mechanic (plus benefits)	3	\$ 46,076.24	\$ 138,228.72
1st Year Total Cost	51 Buses		\$ 6,464,634.34