



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

August 16, 2022

Aloha Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised that the **following bus routes will be suspended as of Wednesday, August 17, 2022 until further notice** due to the ongoing shortage of student transportation drivers in the state.

- TR11A
- TR11B

You will need to make alternate transportation arrangements for your child(ren) during this time. The school buses serving this area will not be operating the morning and afternoon routes for Kea'au High and Kea'au Middle Schools.

Families who are eligible for transportation, but are unable to utilize the service due to the driver shortages may apply for mileage reimbursement. The mileage reimbursement application is attached to this letter for your convenience. Please fill it out and return it to the school office as soon as possible for processing.

If you paid for bus service for one of these routes, there is an online refund form you can use to request a refund due to the disruption in service:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSKTWxJt6YHun0BfYeKVxE19RianCLY_epNmrsPK5kysnIAQ/viewform

Federal law requires school bus drivers to have their commercial driver's license (CDL) and two additional endorsements. Meeting all of the requirements can take anywhere from 3-6 months to complete. The nationwide shortage of CDL drivers has negatively impacted the availability of school bus drivers as the demand for that labor pool continues to grow exponentially.

The Student Transportation Services Branch will advise when the routes can be reinstated.

Please email stsb@k12.hi.us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Student Transportation Services Branch
Hawaii Department of Education



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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE CAR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Payee (if different): _____ Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Driver's Name: _____ Driver's Phone: _____

Year/Make of Vehicle: _____ V.I.N.: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

Effective Date: _____ to _____

Name of Student(s): _____

School(s): _____

I will be claiming Mileage Reimbursement for School Year _____ :
(Check appropriate box)

- ☐ **Morning:** Home to Assigned Bus Stop/School
☐ **Afternoon:** Assigned Bus Stop/School to Home
☐ **Roundtrip:** Home to Bus Stop/School **plus** Bus Stop/School to Home

I certify the above information is true and correct. I understand misrepresentation on this request may result in loss of mileage reimbursement privileges.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

I certify student(s) attends school(s) indicated, and agree to verify monthly attendance.

(Signature of Principal/Designee)

(Date)

To Be Completed by Student Transportation Officer:

* ☐ **Homeless**

☐ **SPED**

☐ **Other** _____

Distance from Home to Assigned Bus Stop/School: _____

Minimum Qualifying Distance for Student's School Level: _____

Total Qualifying One-Way Mileage for Reimbursement: _____

Total Daily Mileage for Reimbursement: _____

(Signature of Student Transportation Officer)

(Date)

☐ **APPROVED**

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

(Signature of Student Transportation Services Manager)

(Date)

* "Homeless" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 42 USCS §11302(a)(1)) and includes:

- (i) children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- (ii) children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 42 USCS §11302(a)(2)(C));
- (iii) children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings; and
- (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call 1-866-927-7095.