



OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Families,

On Aug. 5, 2024, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education Division of Transportation (OSSE-DOT) will launch the Monthly Parent Stipend Program for the 2024-25 school year. The program will provide a monthly stipend to eligible parents/guardians that choose to opt out of OSSE-DOT provided vehicle or bus service and self-transport their student to and from school daily. This also includes drop off and pick up for special services the student receives that are related to their education. Eligible families who are approved to participate will receive \$400 per month to support self-transportation of students.

New Participants

Parents/guardians who are interested in participating must complete a registration form and submit the required documents to enroll in the program. Once enrollment is complete, families will receive a confirmation email that will advise of approval for participation in the program, the self-transportation start date, and when payments can be expected.

Existing Participants

Parents/guardians who previously participated in the program and wish to continue do not have to create a new application. However, they must log into their existing application, review the previously submitted information and enter any updates if needed (i.e., address change, add or remove a student, etc.) Once this is completed, parents/guardians must submit the updated application to enroll for 2024-25 school year.

Parents/guardians who do not wish to continue in the program will not have to access the application but should confirm that the local education agency (LEA) has submitted a transportation request for the student.

Participation in the Monthly Parent Stipend Program is voluntary and does not impact a student's eligibility for special education transportation services as determined by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Parents/guardians can opt back into OSSE-DOT provided transportation at any time by contacting the LEA. It may take up to 10 calendar days to restart OSSE-provided transportation once OSSE-DOT receives the transportation request from the LEA. The parent/guardian is still responsible to transport the student until OSSE-DOT provided transportation begins.

To apply for the Monthly Parent Stipend Program, visit <https://data.osse.dc.gov/dot-parent-stipend/>.

Thank you,
Division of Student Transportation
Office of the State Superintendent of Education