

TRANSPORTATION FACTS FOR ONE WESTERN ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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United CUSD #304 363 Square Miles 34 Miles from East to West 28 Miles from North to South					
	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Number of Eligible Students Transported Daily	891	928	947	947	910
Total Claimable Miles	348,709	330,194	330,194	360,370	374,821
Number of Routes Each Day	27	27	28	24	24
Total Claimable Expenses	1,052,244	1,084,135	1,133,959	949,950	1,028,001
Total Amount of Claimable Expenses Received for Last Five Years	753,466	749,508	741,376	631,019	489,606
Property Taxes Received	249,187	171,881	271,427	286,081	303,083

Talking points -

- District since 2004 - our community has done their part - we've consolidated (2x) since 04 - we've become efficient in the classroom - but we still have to get those kids to the schools. Physics and Kindergarten are more efficient - but busing is more complicated and more costly. We even bought out our contractor to do it cheaper on our own.
- Fuel costs and equipment costs are large expenses (purchase price has gone up 25-30% in 12 years).
- Leasing vehicles keeps our kids safe and was a logical and effective way to manage equipment - We could only by 3 vehicles a year for what our leasing costs are -
- Driver salaries - (lack of drivers is an issue too) - experience costs (new labor laws will impact)
- Fear of the treatment of Gifted education, Title IV, Reading Improvement, etc dollars if it gets wrapped into one payment

Number of Square miles in the district *Number of students transported each day

*Number of miles driven each day

- *Number of routes each day
- *Length and breadth of the district (time it takes to travel from one end to the other)
- *The longest amount of time that a student spends on the bus each day
- *Total claimable expenses for the last five years
- *Total amount of claimable expenses received for the last five years
- *Amount generated from local property tax levy for last five years.