



West County Transportation Agency Update

September 10, 2025

Santa Rosa City Schools

Routes and Staffing

RT Type	2025 - 2026		2024 - 2025	
	# Routes	Uncovered	# Routes	Uncovered
SPED Ambulatory	55	0	49	3
SPED W/C	14	0	13	3
SPED Van	20	(5) covered by Trainees	22	2
Gen Ed	35	6	35	4
Trans. Bus Aide	24	0	20	0

<i>Total RT</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Standby Driver</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Trans. Bus Aide</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total Et al.</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>12</i>

	# Routes	Uncovered	Increase in Drivers	In Training
Net Change From 24-25	+5	-6	11	6

New School Boundary Bus Service

- Ridership to schools from the newly implemented elementary boundaries has been low
- Ridership to/from Montgomery Jr/High School has been high and required additional buses to relieve overloading
- Ridership to/from Santa Rosa Jr/High School has been steady, but lower than anticipated. Most students are Jr High riders.
- Ridership to/from Piner High School has been low
 - Jr High next year should increase ridership

Special Needs Ridership

- **929 – School Year 2023-24**
 - 535 SRCS
- **986 School Year 2024-25**
 - 580 SRCS
- **960 September 2025**
 - 554 SRCS (562 October 2024)

WCTA & SRCS Routes & Students Comparison September 2025

Route Type	WCTA Total	SRCS	Current % of Use
Gen Ed Routes	35	17	42.6%
SPED Students	960	554	57.7%

General Education Bus Passes Issued	
2024-2025	September 2025
1055	630

Electric Vehicles, Buses, and Infrastructure

- Current EV
 - 4 Ford E-transit Van
 - Currently have infrastructure to support these EV's
- ZESBI Grant For Buses and Infrastructure
 - Approved for 7 Electric School Buses and charging infrastructure
 - Currently in final round of review and pending contract
 - Funding is near 100%
- BAAQMD Infrastructure Grant
 - We are expected to receive up to \$603,000 in reimbursement cost for EV Infrastructure costs
- Permits have been submitted for the construction of 7 EV chargers with a completion date of June 2026

Budget Information

Year	% of Use	Gen Ed Budget	% of Use	SPED Budget	Total
2023 - 2024	42.5%	\$2,229,962	57.8%	\$6,886,374	\$9,116,336
2024 - 2025	42.1%	\$2,280,499	59.6%	\$7,305,859	\$9,586,358
2025 - 2026	42.6%	\$2,953,777	58.8%	\$7,701,351	\$10,655,128

Largest Contribution to Increased Budget	
Salaries	+\$1,300,000
Statutory Costs	+\$951,000
Repair and Maintenance	+\$311,000
<p>The major contributor to the budgetary increase is the additional staffing, workload, cost of repairs/services, and production. The following have had a direct impact to these budget items: Increased requirement for School Bus Aides, nearly 300,000 in increase mileage, approximately 200 more field trips, additional non-traditional school commitments (i.e. Extended Learning Opportunity, ESY Programing, school placements, and more)</p>	

Questions?

WCTA Contact Information

Main Line: 707-206-9988

Director: Chad Barksdale, ext. 230

Business Manager: Diane Hughes, ext. 220

Dispatch Office: Main Line, Option 1

Field/Activity Trips & Bus Passes: Main Line, Option 2

Route/Scheduling: Main Line, Option 3

Fleet/Vehicle Maintenance, Main Line, Option 4