

Grosse Pointe Public School System

2023 RFP for Transportation Services

Addendum #2 to RFP for Transportation Services

Requests for Clarification #2

March 13, 2023

1. Has the district made any changes to the routing structure in recent years, such as changing bell times, areas serviced, etc.?	No.
2. Are you expecting to make changes in the near future such as new buildings, programs, etc.?	No.
3. Has the district reduced the volume of routes since the pandemic and would be reinstated should the bus contractor have sufficient staffing?	No.
4. Can you clarify does the district have a set minimum number of days it must operate in person?	See Attachment B to Contract.
5. Can you please provide the current listing of vehicles, including the vehicle age, seating capacity, configuration of wheelchair buses (seated and wheelchair capacity), if they require air-conditioning and if any are non-yellow buses or cars, age, etc.	See Addendum #1 to the RFP for the information available to the school district.
6. What is the total monthly spend for the current school year under the current transportation services contract?	Approximately \$165,000.

<p>7. Does the school district have the exact route mileage for each route? Can you please provide an updated route listing with this information in order to formulate fuel and operational costs?</p>	<p>The school district does not have the exact mileage for each route. The RFP requests a formula to be proposed by each contractor which would be reviewed as part of the proposal and overall costs under the contract to be charged to the school district.</p>
<p>8. Can you please provide a copy of the labor agreement, any amendments, or memorandums of understanding for current contractor(s) employees performing transportation services that are unionized?</p>	<p>The current services are secured through a third-party contracted service provider who employs all its staff. The school district does not have this information requested.</p>
<p>9. Please provide information on the average number of hours the school district uses the current contractor to provide extra-curricular and athletic trip transportation.</p>	<p>This fluctuates month to month and annually depending upon various factors, including availability of contractor staff to perform these services. However, on average, the school district has used the current contractor to perform approximately 2,900 hours of extra-curricular and athletic trip transportation over the last year.</p>
<p>10. How many routes does the school district generally operate during the summer? How many days or weeks do these operate during the summer?</p>	<p>These fluctuate year to year. Generally, the school district averages about 4 routes each summer. These operate for approximately 5 weeks on Tuesday through Thursday between 8 am and 1 pm.</p>
<p>11. If a parent or guardian is not available during drop off where are the students taken for pickup?</p>	<p>It could vary on the circumstances, but generally the school district's protocol is to contact dispatch and return the student to their respective building to be held until parents pick up the student. As a last resort the school district would contact the police if no building staff are available to handle the issue.</p>

<p>12. Does the school district own or use a specific routing software program or have a familiarity with a specific software?</p>	<p>No. The current contractor handles all routing for the current transportation services. The school district reviews and approves all proposed routes prior to implementation or modification.</p>
<p>13. During the pre-proposal meeting it was mentioned there are some students transported for General Education purposes. Can you clarify how many students are transported for General Education?</p>	<p>The school district provides general education transportation on an "opt in" basis. These services are usually provided via 1 or 2 transportation shuttles between defined stops. Currently, the school district has 15 general education students who are transported via these shuttles.</p>
<p>14. Is the current vendor using a 4-hour route guarantee for the route drivers?</p>	<p>No. The current contractor uses a 5-hour route guarantee for its drivers.</p>