



Student Transportation

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Student Transportation

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Transportation Student Update

As of October 18th, 2023:

- **15% increase in Diverse Learner students** compared to last year
- **42% increase in STLS students** compared to last year

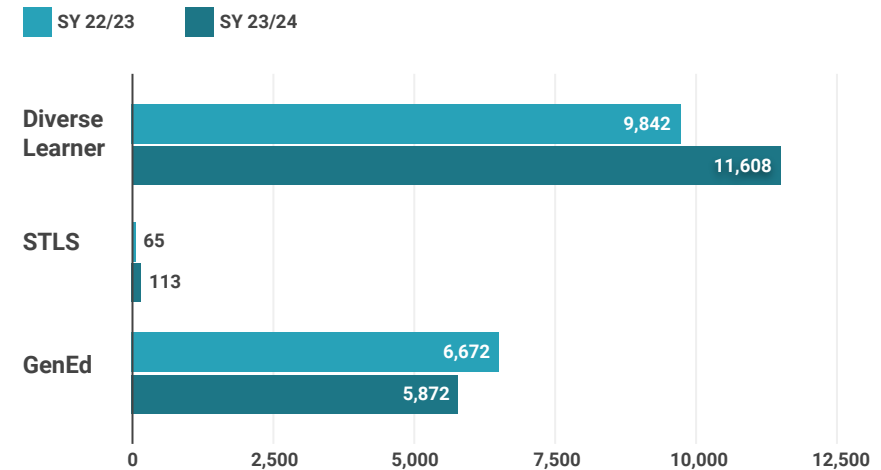
SY 22-23 travel times

- > 60 minutes: 3,000 students
- > 90 minutes: 365 students

Current travel times

- 61-65 minutes: 56 students
- 66-80 minutes: 49 students

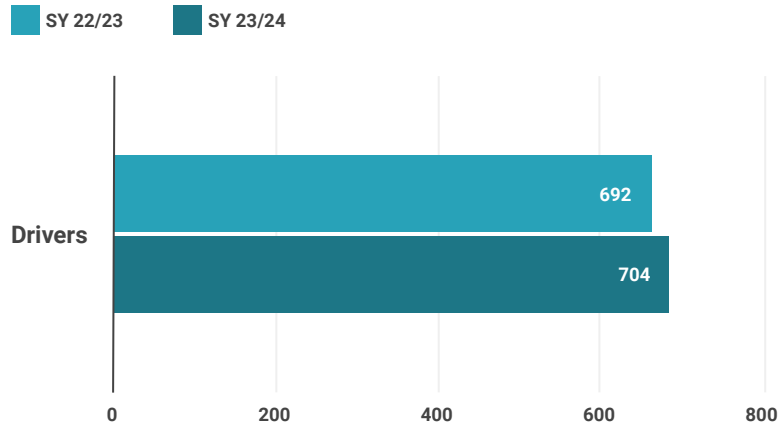
Student Comparison



Transportation Driver Update

District is operating at **54% capacity**

Driver Update



- **1,300** yellow bus drivers needed to transport DL, GenEd and STLS students
- Current driver count is **704** compared to 692 last school year
- Increased driver wages
 - **SY22/23:** \$3
 - **SY23/24:** \$2
- Monthly hiring fairs (15 scheduled to date)

(As of Sept. 23)

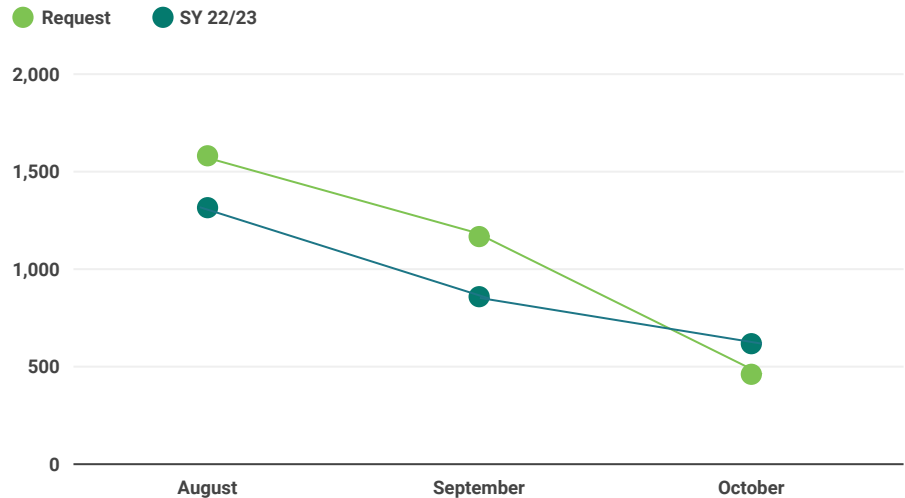
	Interviews	Hired
Aide	54	29
Driver	114	39

Transportation Requests

Transportation Requests
received after first day
of school:

3,235

SY23/24 Transportation Request



Assessing & Addressing Our Current Transportation Needs



- Consulting with other districts across the nation to assess transportation best practices
- Collaborating with City Agencies & Other Community Based Organizations to identify unique recruitment opportunities in addition to current Hiring Fairs
- Participating in school job fairs for visible community outreach
- Continually reviewing routing scenarios to identify ways to best optimize and utilize current transportation resources to transport all students
- Working to fast-track driver background checks
- Requested Secretary of State to relax some requirements and simplify the process of becoming a school bus driver

Next Steps

- 2nd Quarter Gen Education update
- Working with the City Colleges of Chicago to establish a campus portal for driver and aide job listings
- Weekly rotating school bus vendor presence on City College campuses to directly recruit for current part time positions
- Requesting Secretary of State to revamp and shorten wait times for appointments for “on the road” testing required for CDL acquisition
- Launch of bus driver + aide marketing campaign

