



Bussing Reimbursement Program

The Metro Children's Water Festival has limited funds available to help schools with transportation costs to attend the festival. Bussing costs should not be a barrier to festival attendance. If this program does not meet your school's needs, please reach out to the contact below.

Program description and requirements

- Schools select to receive bussing reimbursement during registration.
- Schools can receive a maximum of \$500 per bus for up to 4 buses.
- Funding is available on a first come first serve basis.
- If the need for bussing reimbursement was not indicated at registration, schools must notify the festival planning committee of the need by August 31st, 2026, to be eligible for funding.
- This is a bussing reimbursement program. The school must pay the bus company and then send festival staff an invoice for the cost of bussing. Do not send the bus company invoice.
- Schools may receive funds from our festival general fund or be matched with a local watershed district or water management organization to provide bus reimbursement.

How to participate

Registration

- Registration for the 2026 Children's Water Festival opens February 16, 2026.
- Register online at www.metrocwf.org/register
- When registering, select "needs bussing reimbursement."
- Identify the number of buses you will be taking to the festival. The program will fund up to \$500 a bus.
- You will be notified if your school will receive bussing reimbursement by May 31, 2026.

After the festival

- Send an e-mail to Madeline Seveland with the following information.
 - o An invoice from the school.
 - o A copy of the receipt from the bus company.
- Submit requests by December 1, 2026.
- Reimbursement checks take 3-4 weeks to process and send out.

Contact

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