

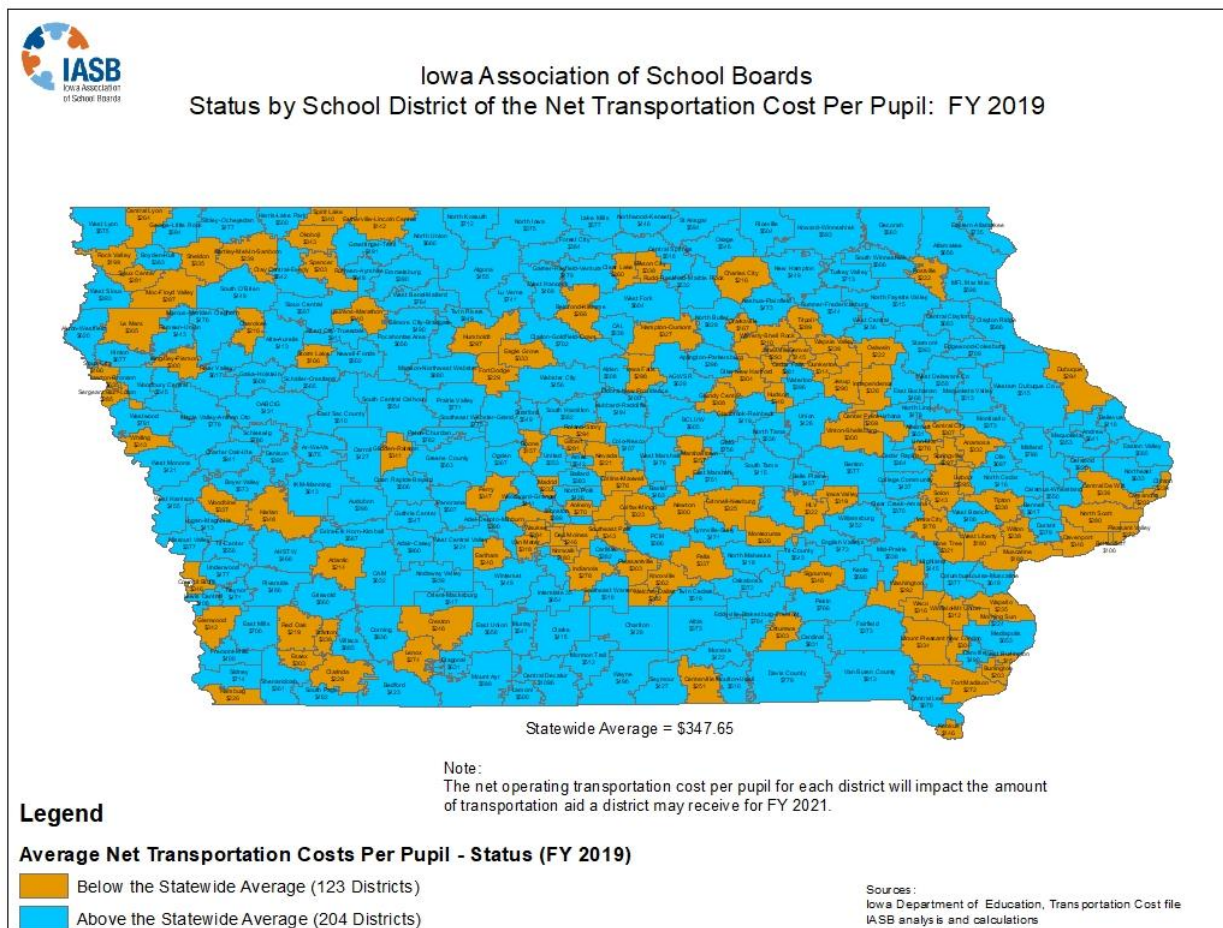
Transportation Costs Report FY 2019

The Department of Education recently released the FY 2019 Transportation Costs Report and IASB has provided analysis of the report. Additionally, the legislature has passed a bill to allocate more funding toward transportation and district cost per pupil equity, with the long-term goal of eliminating the differences in transportation costs across districts.

Statewide Look at FY 2019 Transportation Costs and Transportation Aid

The following map provides the average transportation cost per pupil (based on the adjusted net operating cost divided by the certified enrollment less shared time students) for FY 2019. Districts shaded in orange are below the statewide average. Districts shaded in blue are above the statewide average and are projected to receive transportation aid allocation for FY 2021 per SF 2164 (Transportation and District Cost Per Pupil Equity Bill). This aid will provide funding sufficient to cover any transportation costs that were above the statewide per pupil average of \$347.65. Note that while SF 2164 passed the House and the Senate, it's still pending the Governor Reynolds' approval.

- [View a larger map](#)
- [Find district specific information](#)



More About SF 2164

The bill is projected to appropriate about \$26.7 million for transportation aid in FY 2021. This will provide additional funding for 204 districts that had net transportation costs above the statewide average in FY 2019. Additionally, if approved by the Governor, there will be an additional \$400,000 that will be shared among all 327 districts (roughly about \$0.80 per student). [Get estimates on the FY 2021 transportation aid allocation amounts by school district.](#)

Moving forward, the \$26.7 million funding will be the base amount for FY 2022 and that amount will be increased by the FY 2022 state percent of growth rate established by the legislature next legislative session. This transportation funding is an appropriation outside the school finance formula and the amount funded could increase. However, It is also important to note that there is no guarantee what the funding allocation amount for each school district may be in future years. Fluctuations in the statewide average per pupil cost and each district's average cost will have an impact on which districts will receive funding in the future.

Note: Sources of data include the Department of Education, Transportation file and the Department of Management, School Aid file.