Transportation Equity Fund — FY 2021

Iowa Code section 257.16C establishes the Transportation Equity Program. The Program was created to provide additional funding to school districts for public school transportation costs that exceed a statewide average cost per pupil, which may be adjusted based upon funding.

The following chart shows the range of the transportation cost per pupil by school district. Each district is represented by a circle. Enrollment for each district is represented by the size of the circle. Districts in light blue are below the statewide average cost per pupil, while districts in blue are at or above the statewide average cost per pupil.

For FY 2021, $27.7 million has been appropriated from the General Fund to the Transportation Equity Fund, which buys down all districts above the statewide average cost per pupil to the statewide average cost per pupil. All districts below the statewide average cost per pupil also receive aid in FY 2021 based on enrollment.

Transportation Equity Fund Aid Payments by District — FY 2021

For more information on the Transportation Equity Fund, and how aid payments are calculated, see the Fiscal Topic Transportation Equity Program.

Sources: Department of Management, LSA Calculations
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