

Breakdown of Alternative Transportation Solutions

Transportation plays a key role in ensuring students can attend school regularly. When it comes to getting students with diverse needs to school, it's important to evaluate the transportation solutions that can be employed to adequately support them. The table below compares common transportation methods and their use cases:

 Method	 Semi-Personalized Bus Routes	 Contracted Small-Capacity Vehicle Providers	 Rideshare/ Taxis with Monitoring	 Carpooling (District-Coordinated)	 Parent Gift Cards / Reimbursements
Attendance Impact	Consistent, predictable access	Reliable, compliant daily rides	Increases flexibility for hard-to-serve areas	Informal but regular access	Family dependent
ADA-Based Funding Benefit	Supports stronger daily averages	Maximizes attendance during funding windows	Fills short-term attendance gaps	Improves access to rural areas	Attendance varies
Enrollment-Based Funding Benefit	Improves early enrollment tracking	Helps retain at-risk students across mobility changes	Provides limited stability	Builds trust with families	Encourages family engagement
Scalability	Medium	High	Medium	Low	Low
Coordination Required	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium
Best Fit For...	Dense, high-need areas	SPED, McKinney-Vento, foster youth	Overflow, short-term coverage	Rural or underserved areas	Families with transport access

For students with unique needs, who are often the ones most impacted by attendance challenges, contracting small-capacity vehicle providers proves to be the most efficient option. Our team is here to guide you in exploring transportation strategies that best serve your district. Let's work together to ensure every student arrives safely, on time, and ready to learn.