










Home-to-School (HTS)

Transportation Funding







HISTORY OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA

- Since 1979, the State funding contribution for School Transportation has not been changed, adjusted to COLA or to meet Federal and State home-to-school transportation mandates and needs. District receives state funding of less than 10% of transportation expenses
 - 2007 - The State Auditor's report identified the poor funding for school transportation.
 - 2014 - The legislative requirement to have the Legislative Analyst's Office study and report, and their recommendation for 50% funding.
 - 2013-14 and 2014-15 - The State Legislation worked and attempted to increase school transportation funding.
 - 2015 - The State Legislature universally supported legislation to reinstate transportation data collection, but Governor Brown vetoed.
 - The original SB 878 language, which had CSEA's support and the education coalitions backing, however language changed which was subsumed in the final budget language, but the bill never passed in any form.
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New to FY 2022/23 State Budget



- ✓ In June, the Governor & State Legislature voted to pass AB 181, the education omnibus budget trailer bill, and AB 181, a bill related to the Learning Recovery Emergency Fund.
 - ✓ The final budget is historic in nature, reflecting an overall state budget of \$300 billion with education spending higher than it has ever been.
 - ✓ For the 2022-23 fiscal year, education is receiving \$110,334 billion in funding.
 - ✓ The largest enhanced funding increase for Home-to-School (HTS) transportation in recent history
 - ✓ The final budget provides \$637 million annually for Proposition 98 General Fund specifically tagged for HTS Transportation.
 - ✓ Specifically, the enhanced funding will be an increase to the LEA's LCFF as an add-on so that Local Education Agencies (LEA's) can be funded at up to 60% of their transportation costs, or their current add-on, plus ongoing COLA.
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Transportation Plan is Required







Three basic requirements of the Transportation Plan

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1. LEA's must develop a plan for how they will provide transportation services to their students, prioritizing low-income and those in transitional kindergarten (TK-6).
 2. Requires the governing board to adopt the plan on or before April 1, 2023, and have it updated by April 1st each year thereafter.
 3. Prohibits LEA's from charging a fee for unduplicated pupils.
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A Transportation Plan is Required

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- **Ed Code Sections 39800.1 & 41850.1** are added as part of the 2022-23 Budget Act, which specify that eligible LEA pupil transportation allowances will be “equal to 60% of home-to-school transportation expenditures reported by the school district or county superintendent of schools as ***determined by its Function 3600 entry*** in the Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) Report for the prior year, excluding capital outlay and nonagency expenditures.”
 - **The allowance will be reduced by the amount of the LEA’s Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) transportation add-on.**
 - The current Budget Act does not provide separate funding for special education transportation and supersedes all previous Education Code references which have been repealed.
 - **Current law provides that HTS transportation includes transportation for any pupil from a school district or a county office of education, including students with disabilities.**
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The Transportation Plan

- The HTS transportation funding included in the 2022-23 State Budget mandates that each LEA develop a plan for providing HTS transportation; report specific data about the impact of the HTS plan; include various stakeholders; and formally adopt the plan on or before April 1, 2023, and on April 1st. each school year thereafter.
- Education Code states that the data shall include:
 1. Information about ridership
 2. Miles driven
 3. Expenditure details
 4. Number of Pupils transported
 5. Demographic characteristics of pupils transported
 6. Other data facilitating comparisons among LEA's



District Provided Transportation Services

- ✓ Home-to-School Transportation for Special Education Students if required via
 - ✓ District Transportation Services
 - ✓ Contracted Services (Durham & JFK) thru MERGE JPA
 - ✓ Vouchers for Parents / Guardians
 - ✓ Reimbursement for transportation services provided by non public schools
 - ✓ Free Public Transportation Bus Passes to students (MTA)
 - ✓ Field Trips (site specific)
 - ✓ Available Transportation for students who are classified as Foster / Homeless (LCAP Plan)
 - ✓ Transportation from one school to another for some afterschool programs
 - ✓ All of the above will be included in the Transportation Plan for FY 2022/23
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PLAN DEADLINE-APRIL 1, 2023

Timetable to meet the annual April 1st. Transportation Deadline

- **February-Consultation with stakeholder groups, ie. Educational & community partners, which “may include” a municipally owned transit system for services to middle and high school pupils as appropriate**
- **March-Alternations to plan made based upon stakeholder input, presentation and adoption by School Board**
- **April 1st.-Plan filed**

Your Feedback is Appreciated

Please Complete the Survey

Please share your suggestions for any additional transportation services

For additional information or suggestion please contact

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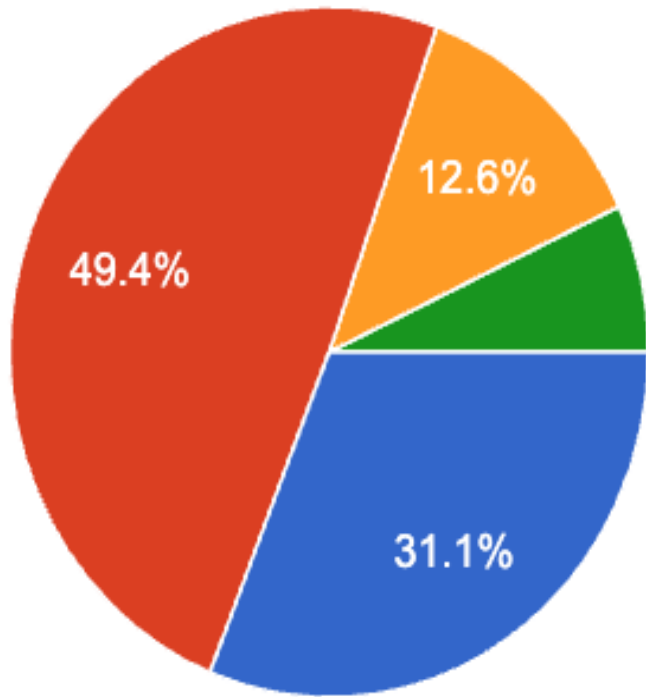
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Survey Results



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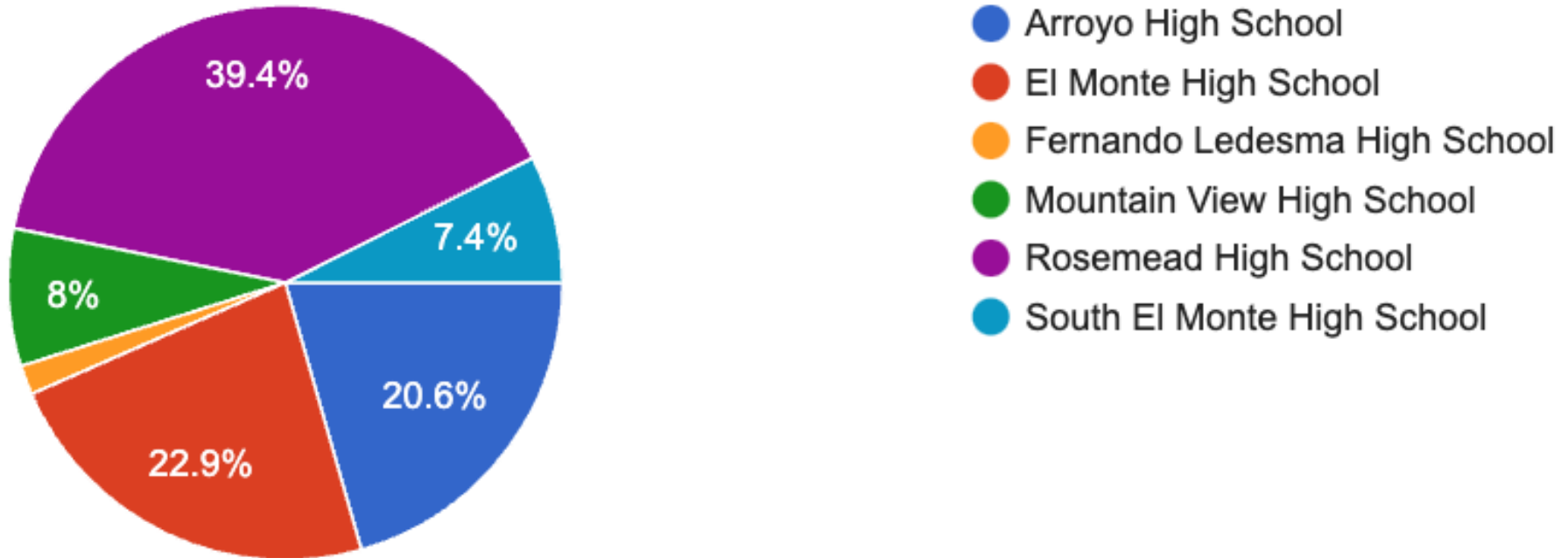
- *Received 563 Responses*



- Student
- Parent or Guardian (Student in this school)
- Teacher
- Other school employee

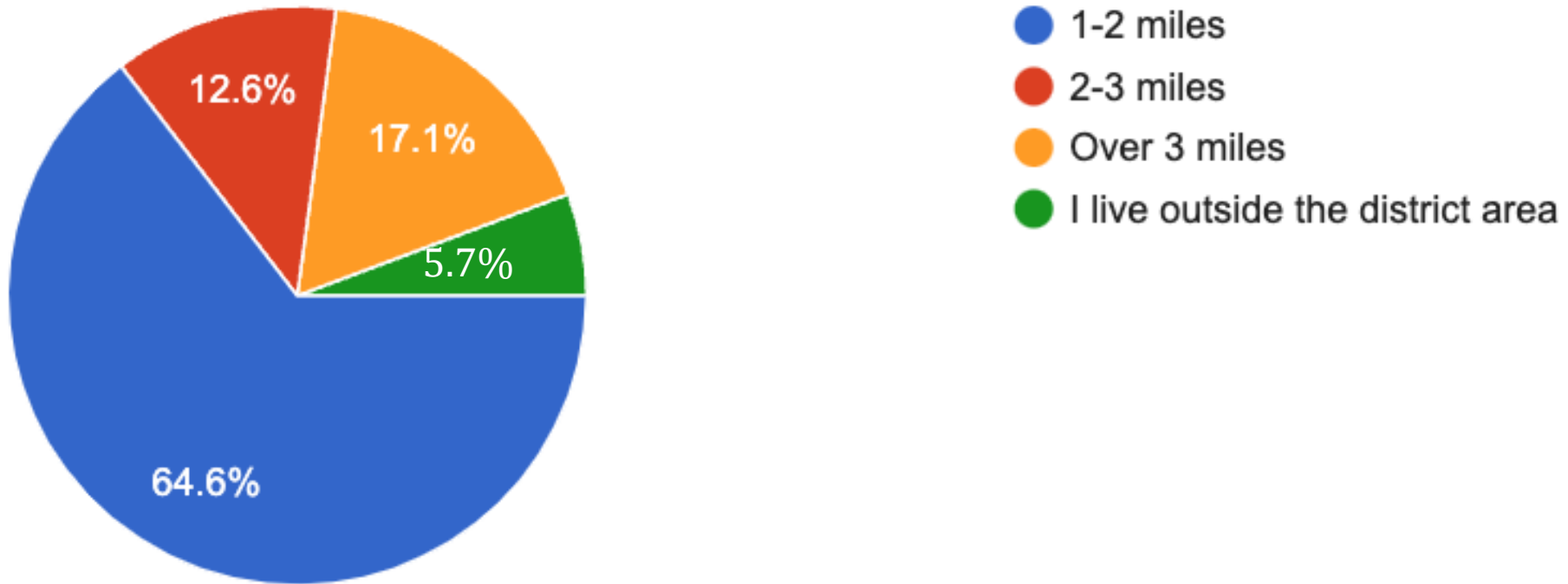
Which School Do You Attend?

- *175 Students responded*



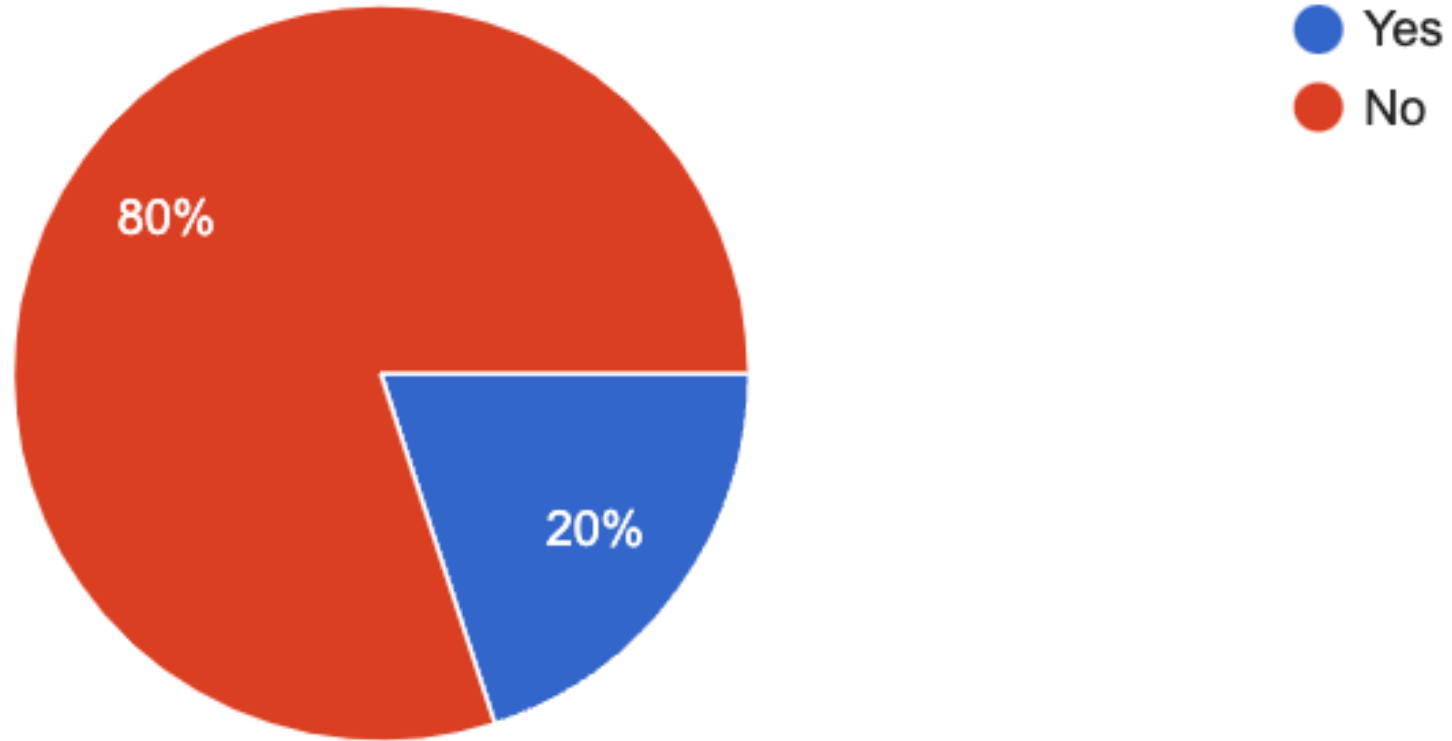
How far do you live from the school you attend?

- *175 Students responded*



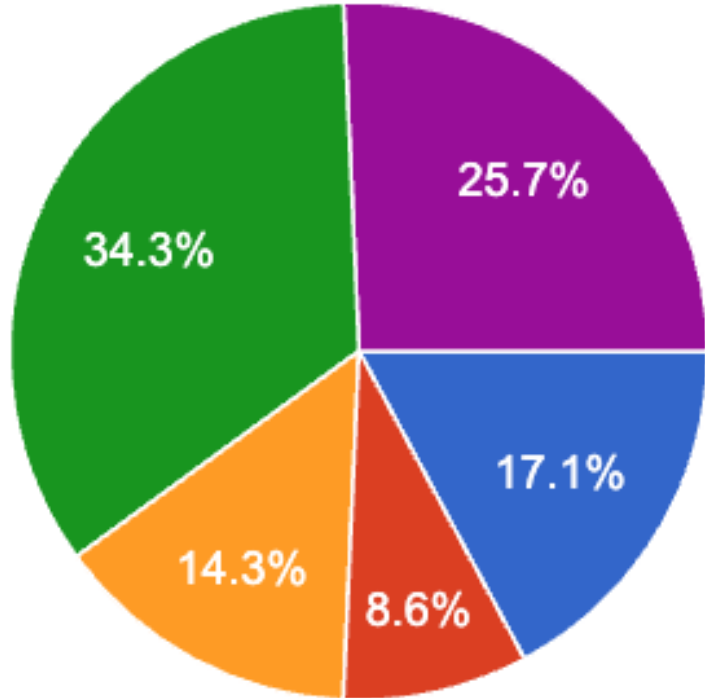
Are you at this school on a Permit or Open Enrollment?

- *175 Students responded*



Which school did you belong to before the permit?

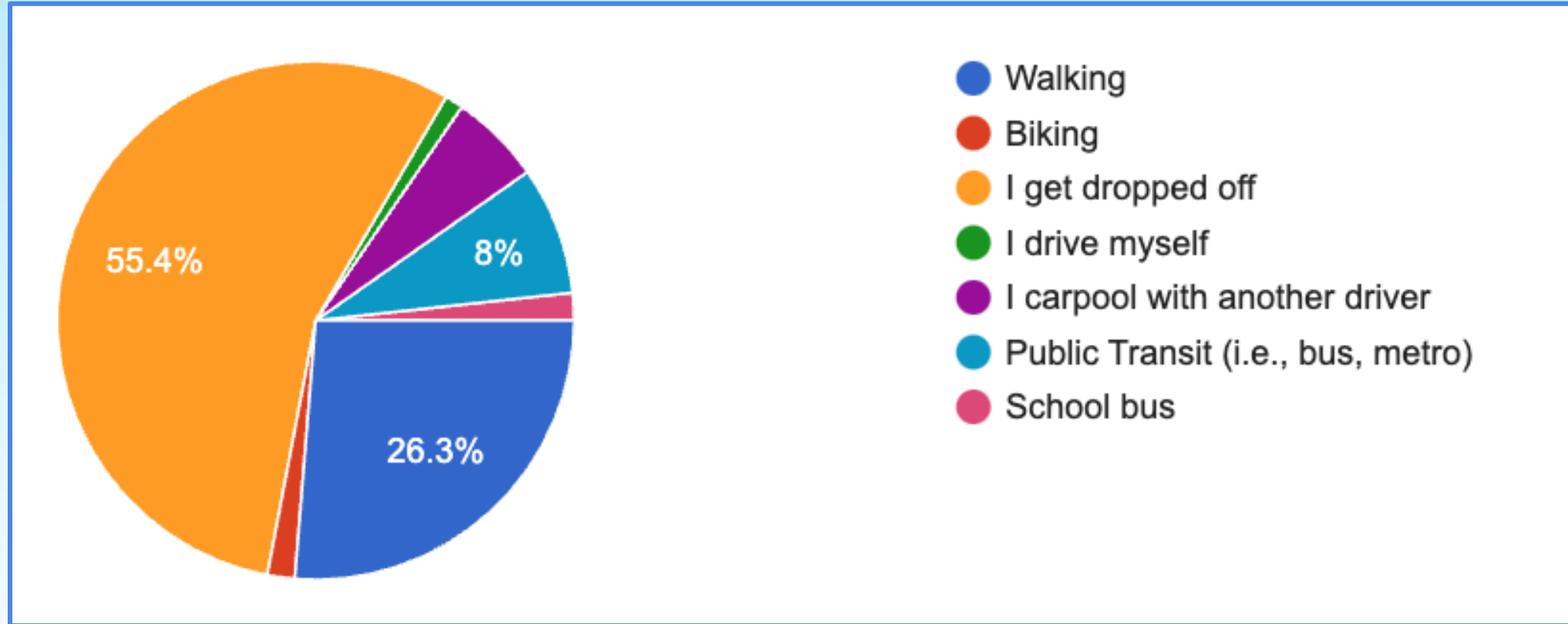
- *35 Students responded*



- Arroyo High School
- El Monte High School
- Mountain View High School
- Rosemead High School
- South El Monte High School

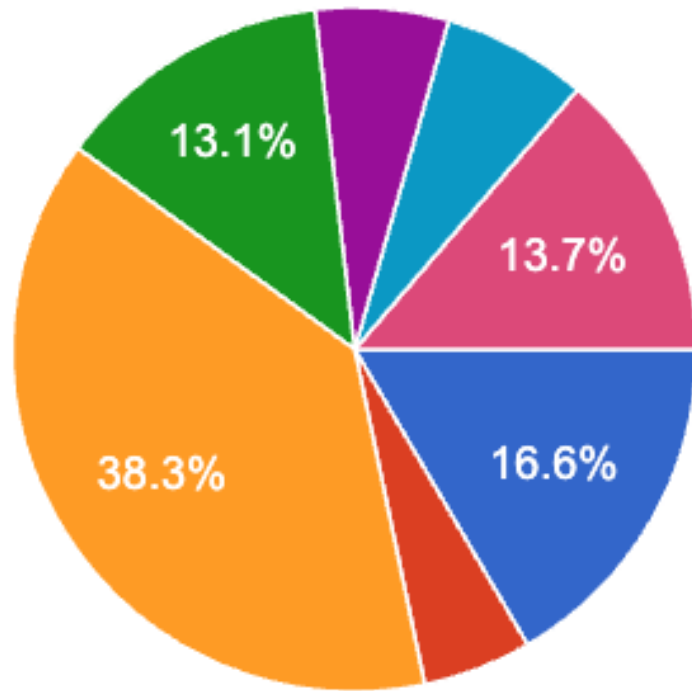
How do you get to school most days?

- *175 Students responded*



How would you prefer to get to school if you had a choice?

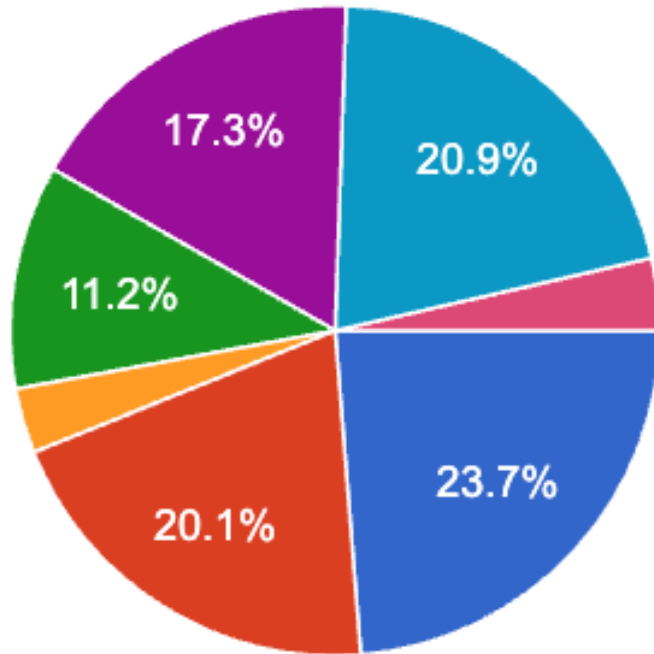
- *175 students responded*



- Walking
- Biking
- Get dropped off
- I drive myself
- Carpool with another driver
- Public Transit (i.e. bus, metro)
- School Bus

What school does your student(s) attend?

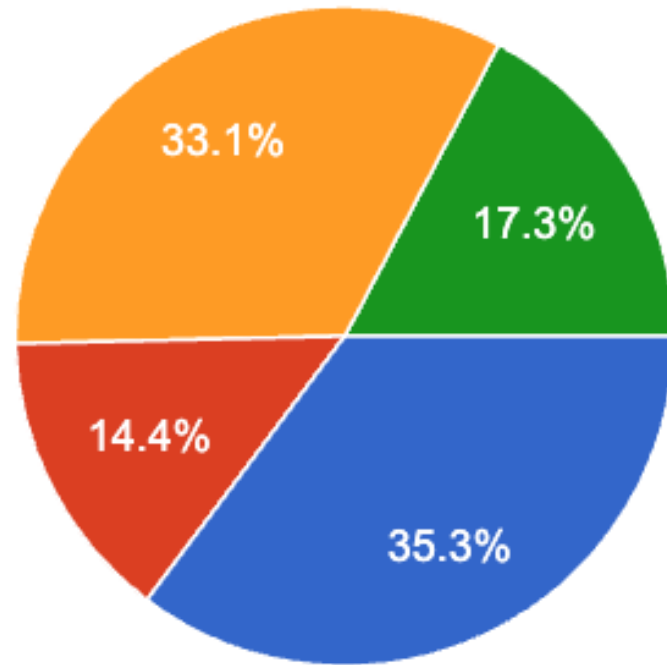
- *278 parents responded*



- Arroyo High School
- El Monte High School
- Fernando R. Ledesma High School
- Mountain View High School
- Rosemead High School
- South El Monte High School
- Transition Center

If available, would you be OK using Public Transportation (i.e. bus, metro) to and from school?

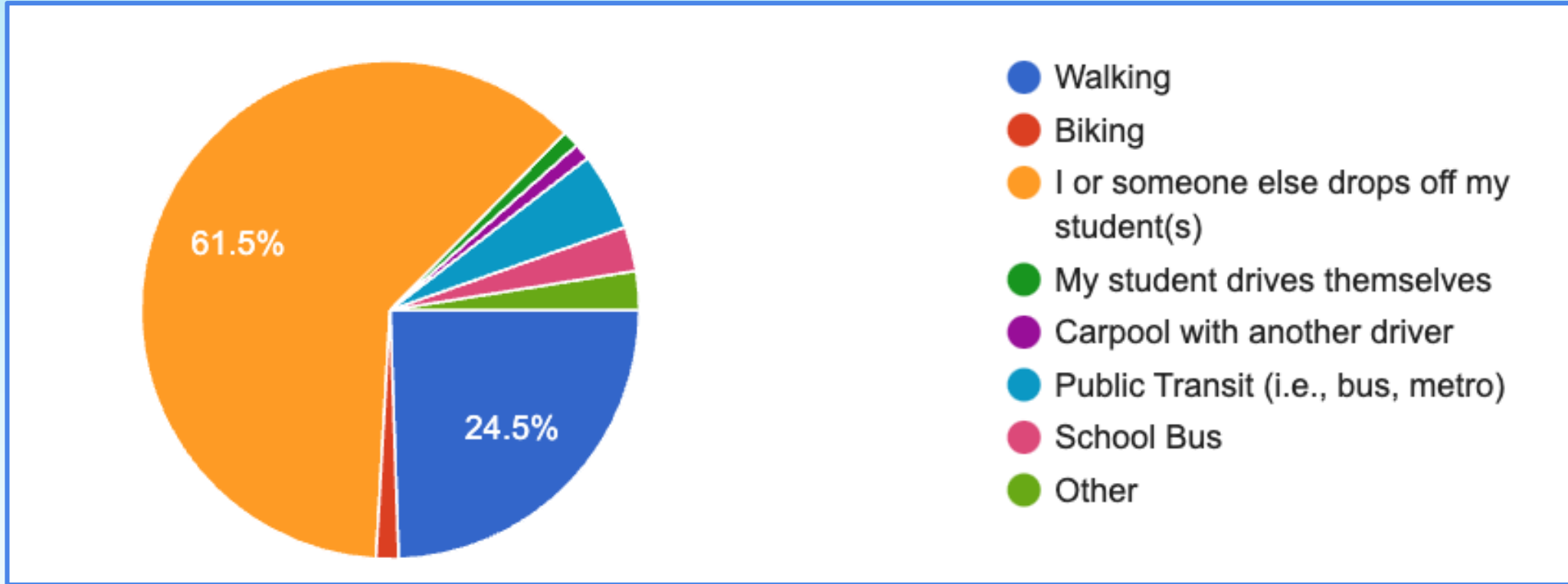
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- Yes
- No, bus stops are too far from home and/or schools
- No, it's unsafe
- Maybe

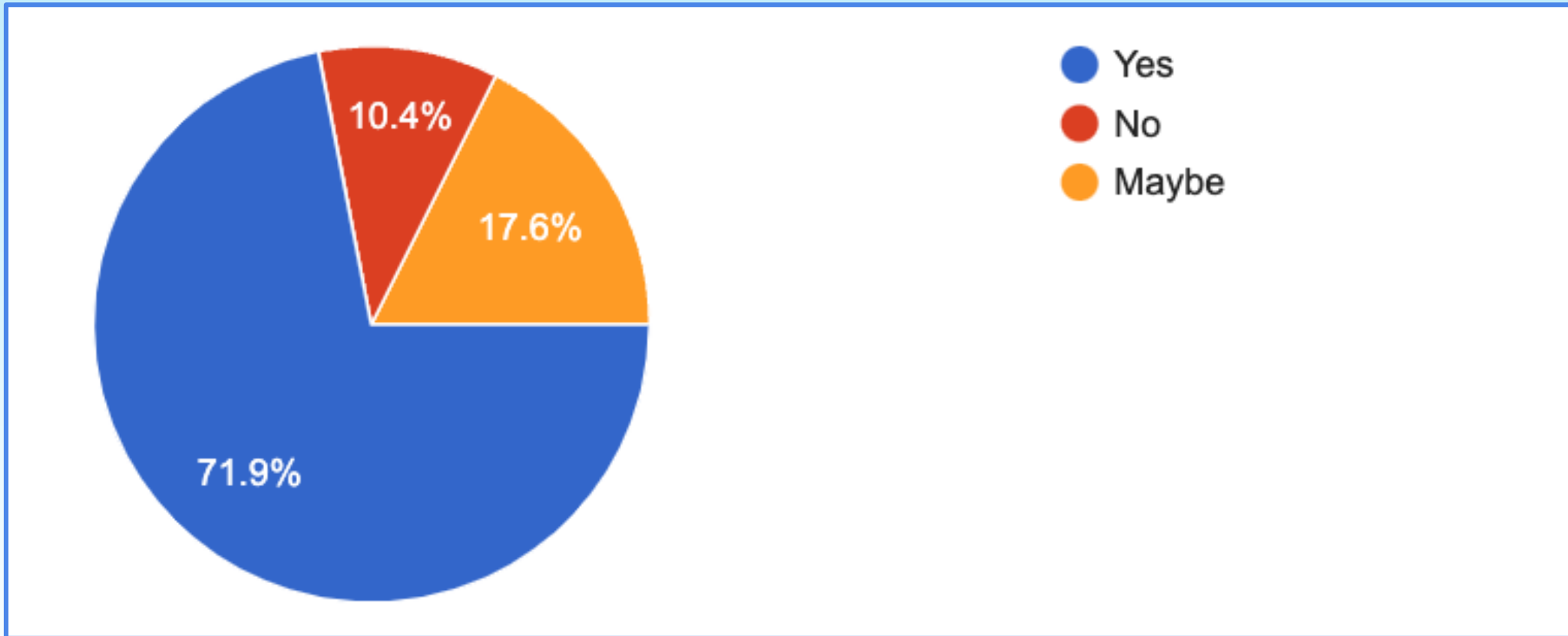
What type of transportation does your student use?

- *278 parents responded*



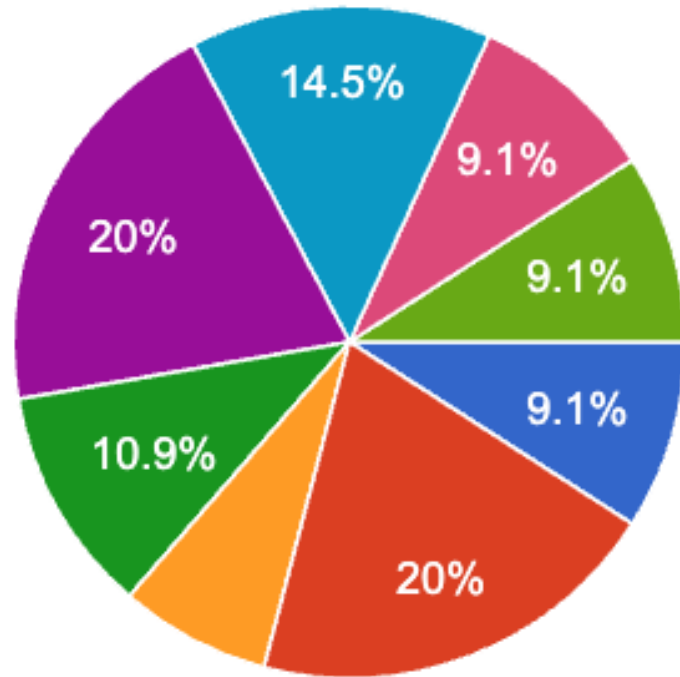
If available, would you be OK using the SCHOOL BUS to and from School?

- *278 parents responded*



What school site do you work at?

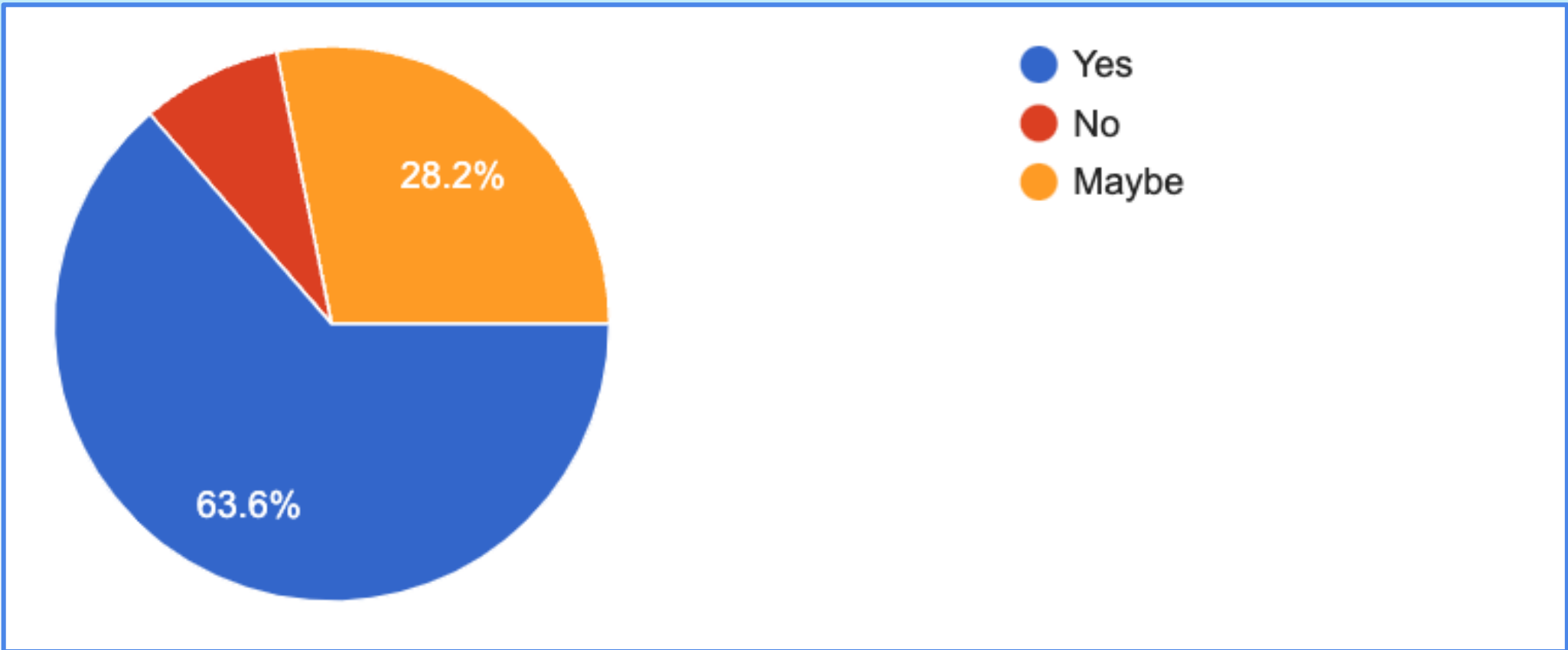
- *110 Employees responded*



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- South El Monte High School
- Transition Center
- Other

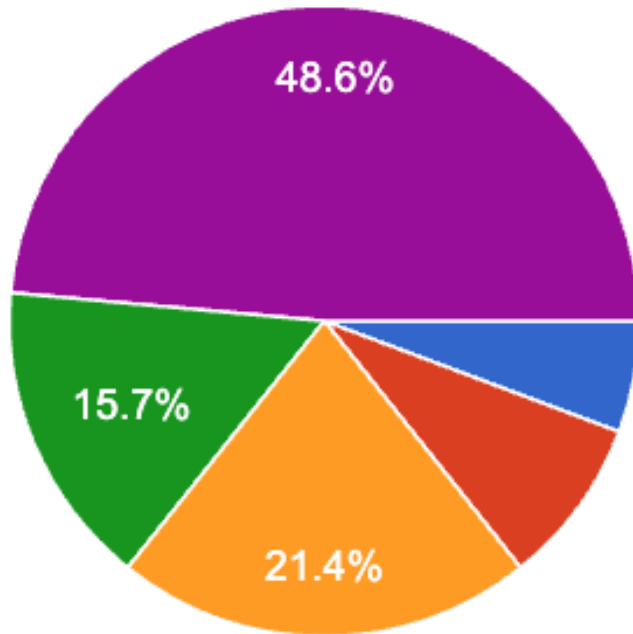
Based on your experience do students at your site need Home-to-School transportation?

- *110 Employees responded*



Select the reasons you think transportation is needed?

- *70 Employees responded*



- School boundary is too big
- School does not have boundary - Covers district wide
- Safety - Unsafe to walk
- Traffic congestion in school during drop off and pick will ease
- Home-to-School transportation will improve attendance

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