



**IRVINE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Irvine Unified School District Transportation Plan

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Transportation Plan Requirements

Education Code Sections 39800.1 and 41850.1

- Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must develop a plan describing the transportation services it will offer to its pupils, prioritizing low-income and those in Pre-Kindergarten (PK) - Grade 6.
- Requires the governing board to adopt the initial plan on or before April 1, 2023 and update the plan by April 1 each year thereafter.
- Prohibits LEAs from charging a fee for unduplicated pupils.
 - (low income, English learners, foster youth)

Background



2022-23 State Budget

- \$637M ongoing for Proposition 98 for Home-to-School Transportation
 - First time in over 10 years funding for transportation increased state-wide

IUSD Underfunding for Home-to-School and Special Education Transportation

- 2024-25 estimated expenditures \$9.9M
 - IUSD to receive approximately \$1.3M from State through Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), \$3.5M through State Augmentation, and \$533K in local fees (parent pay, City of Irvine, local revenues)
 - **Transportation continues to be underfunded by approximately \$4.5M**

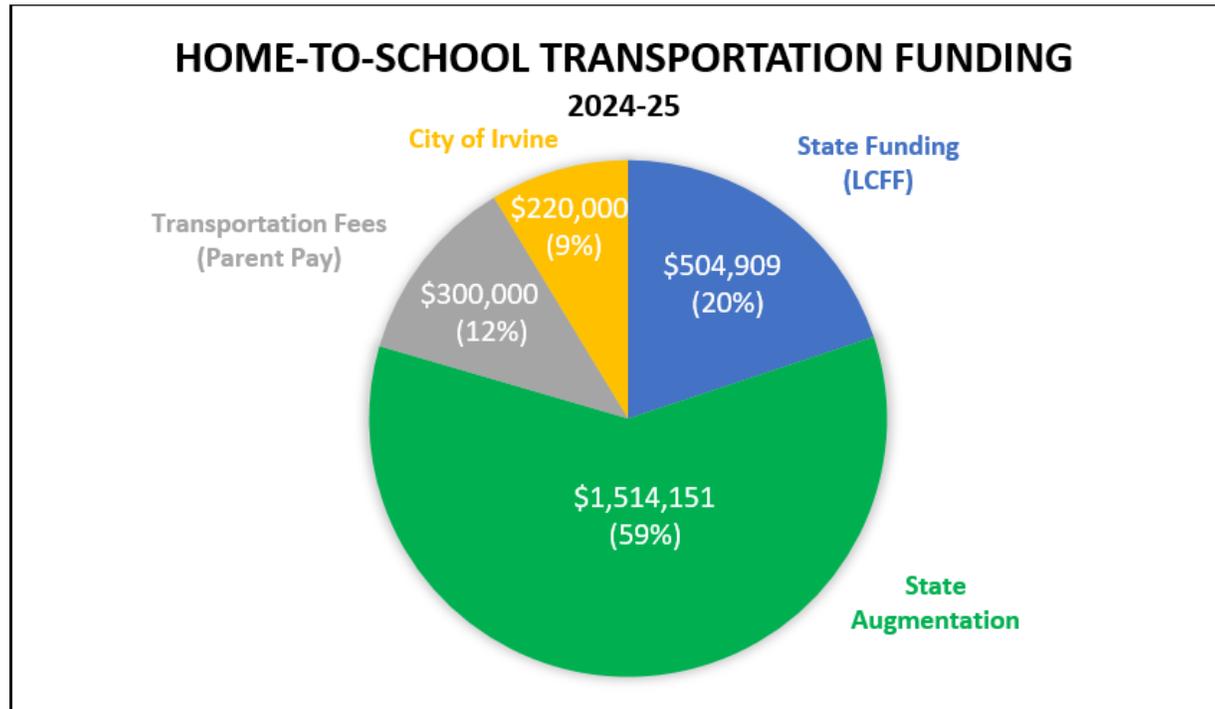
Background



Home-to-School pupil transportation has four (4) funding sources in 2024-25.

- 1) State Funding (LCFF) - **\$504,909**
- 2) State Augmentation - **\$1,514,151**
- 3) Transportation Fees - **\$300,000**
- 4) City of Irvine - **\$220,000**

Total Home-to-School funding: **\$2,539,060**



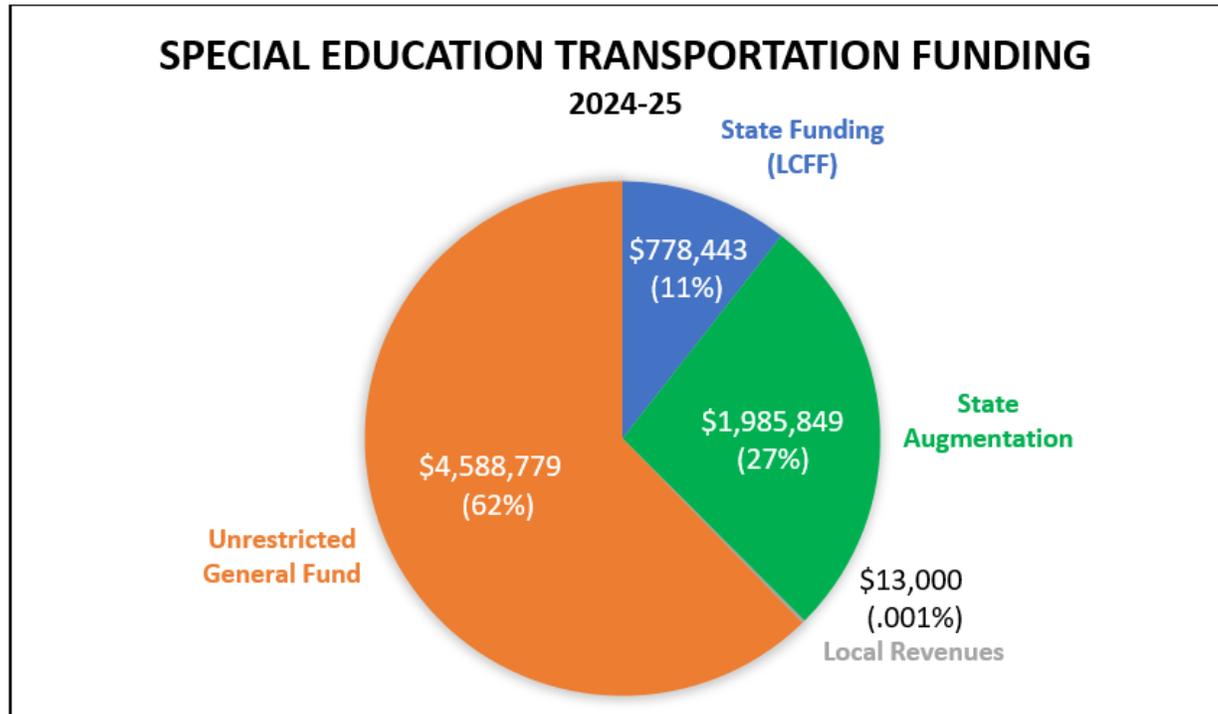
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Special Education transportation has four (4) funding sources in 2024-25.

- 1) State Funding (LCFF) - **\$778,443**
- 2) State Augmentation - **\$1,985,849**
- 3) Local Revenues - **\$13,000**
- 4) Unrestricted General Fund - **\$4,588,779**

Total Special Education funding: **\$7,366,071**





Current Transportation Services

	General Education	Special Education	Total
Bus Routes	11	77	88
Individualized Service	1	41	42
Students Transported	909	602	1,511
Pre-School Aged Students Transported	0	22	22
PK-6 Students Transported	433	306	739
7-12 Students Transported	476	203	679
Low Income Students Transported	208	unknown	unknown
Free Bus Passes Issued	208	0	208
Parent Pay Bus Passes Sold	701	0	701

Approximately 2,500 activity trips including field trips and athletic events



Special Education Transportation Routes

- Transportation services for Special Education students is provided for free as specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) when:
 - Students are enrolled at a school other than their school of residence
 - Students require transportation services due to the severity of their disability



Home-to-School Transportation Routes

- The District provides eleven (11) home-to-school routes
 - Six (6) routes for Turtle Rock Elementary School and Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
 - One (1) route for Vista Verde School
 - Two (2) routes for Oak Creek Elementary School
 - Two (2) routes for University High School
 - *Subsidized by the City of Irvine for the 2024-25 school year*
- Routes continued/established due to significant pedestrian safety concerns.
 - Allowable per IUSD Administrative Regulation 3540.1
- Cost of routes subsidized by the District
 - Approximately 75% of the cost paid by the District
 - Approximately 25% of the cost paid by parents



Administrative Regulation 3540.1

Home-to-School Transportation Limits

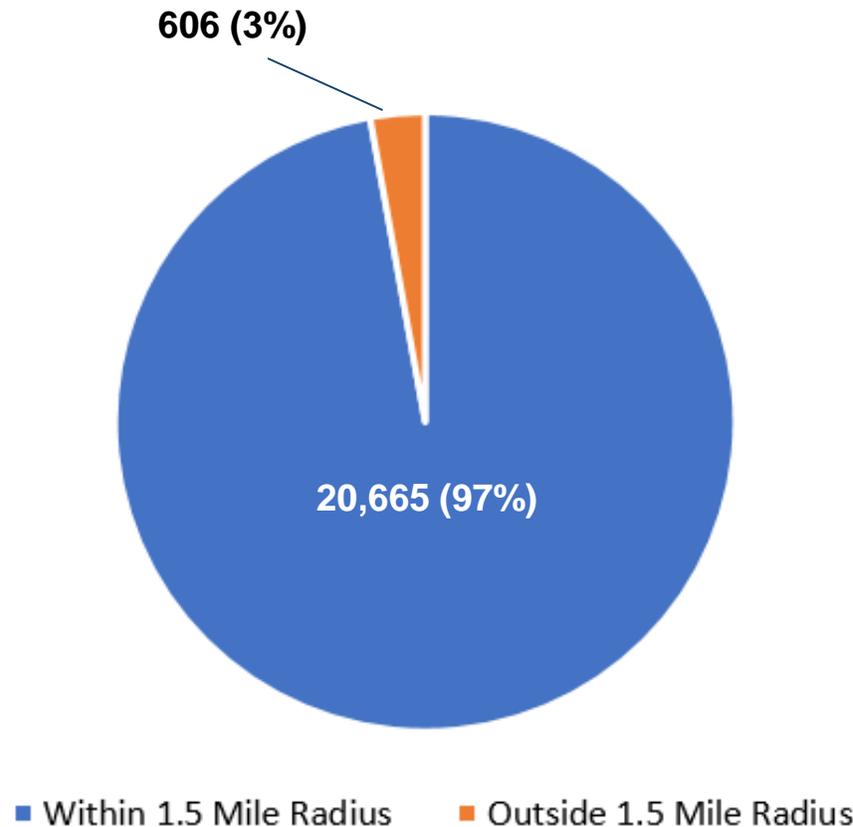
- Non-transportation zones shall be established for each school as follows:
 - Elementary
 - 1.5 mile radius
 - Middle
 - 2.5 mile radius
 - High
 - 3.0 mile radius
- Service beyond the non-transportation zone may be provided where there is:
 - sufficient paying ridership to operate bus on a cost neutral basis, or
 - where significant safety concerns are present.

Administrative Regulation 3540.1

Home-to-School Transportation Limits



Elementary and PK-8 Schools Total Students Residing Outside Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence



Elementary and PK-8 Schools with Students Residing Outside the Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence:

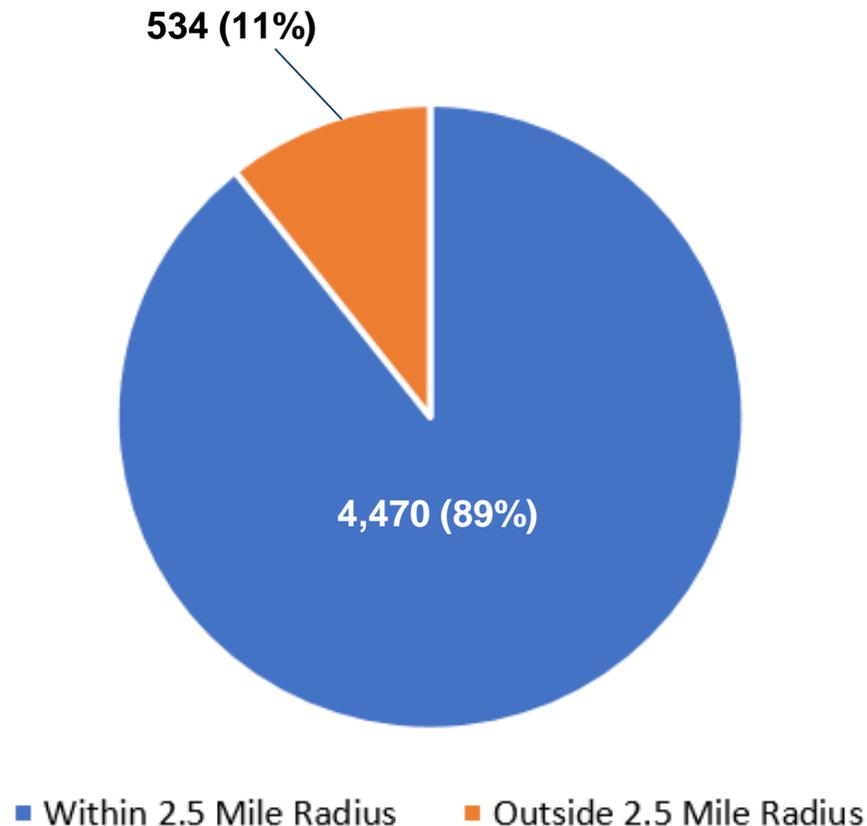
- Alderwood (209)
- Bonita Canyon (5)
- Culverdale (16)
- Oak Creek (338)
- Turtle Rock (25)
- Westpark (13)

Administrative Regulation 3540.1

Home-to-School Transportation Limits



Middle Schools Total Students Residing Outside Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence



Middle Schools with Students Residing Outside the Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence:

- Jeffrey Trail (351)
- Rancho San Joaquin (110)
- South Lake (73)

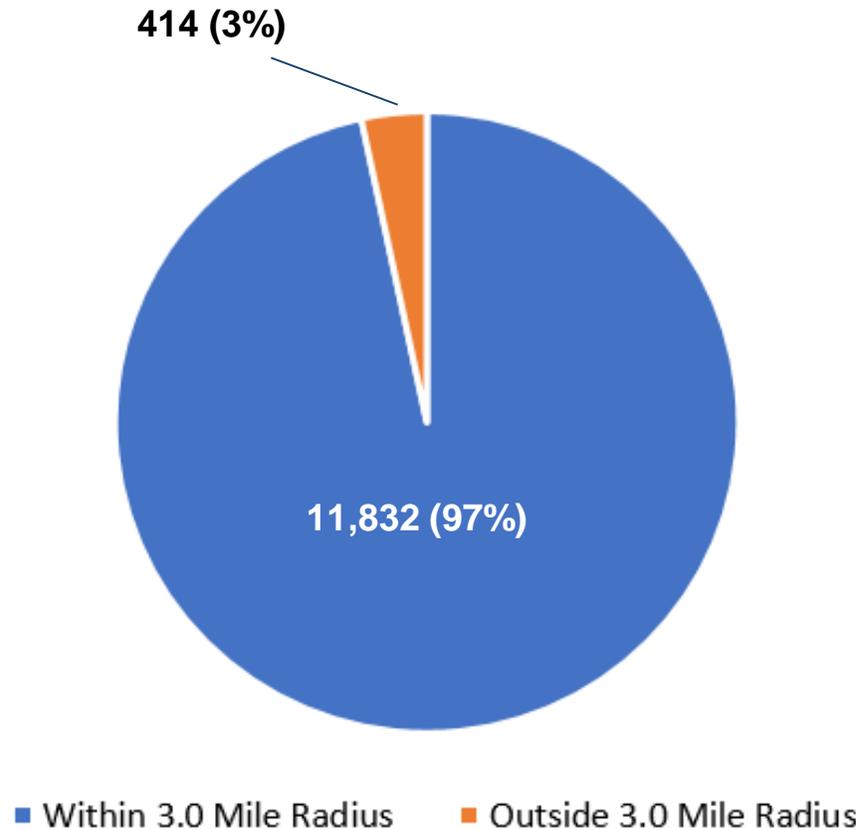
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Home-to-School Transportation Limits



High Schools

Total Students Residing Outside Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence



High Schools with Students Residing Outside the Non-Transportation Zone and Attending School of Residence:

- Portola (48)
- University (258)
- Woodbridge (108)



Homeless Youth and Unduplicated Pupils

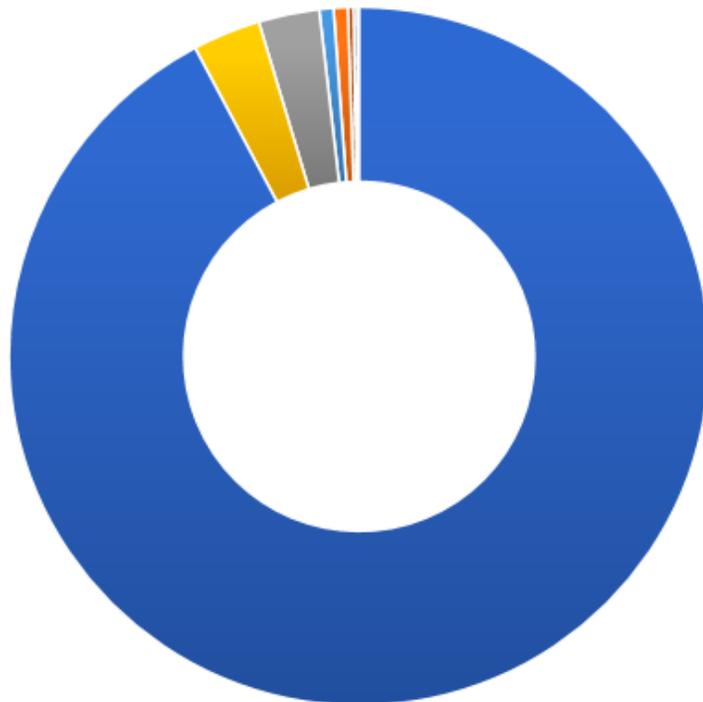
- Unduplicated Pupils (low income, English learners, foster youth)
 - Provided free transportation services, as needed.
- McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Students
 - Students are identified, monitored, and serviced by the Student Services Department
 - Free transportation services provided
 - District Transportation
 - Existing bus routes
 - Individualized transportation
 - Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Youth Ride Free Program
 - Free travel on OC Bus services for youth ages 6 to 18



Survey Results: Participation

We are seeking input from our essential partners. Please let us know the group(s) you are representing for this survey.

3,065 responses

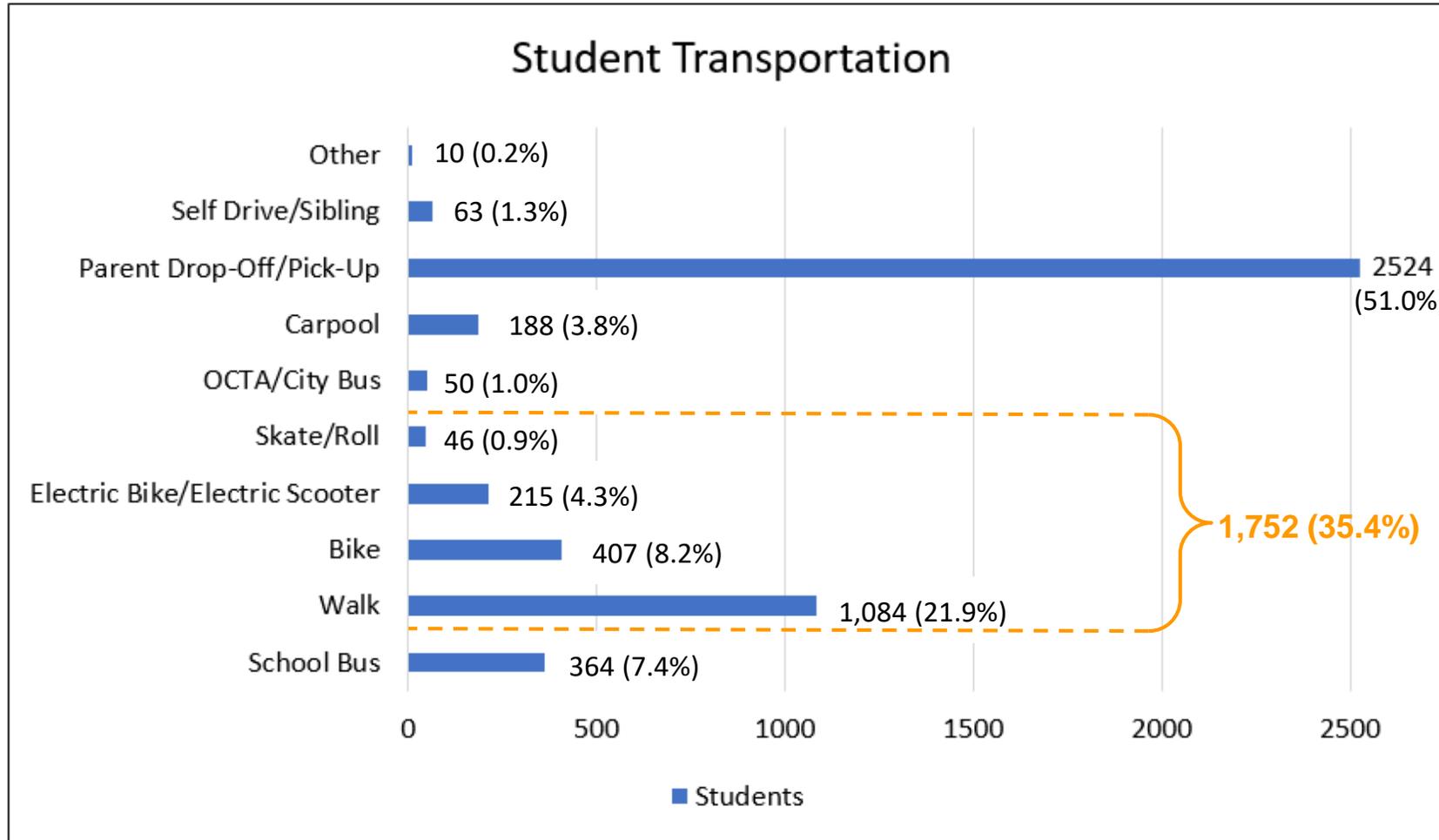


- Parent/Guardian 2,827 (91.3%)
- Student 20 (0.6%)
- Classified Staff 86 (2.8%)
- Certificated Staff 96 (3.1%)
- Administrative Staff 20 (0.6%)
- Regional Local Transit Authority 3 (0.1%)
- Local Air Pollution Control District/Air Quality Management District 5 (0.2%)
- Other 8 (0.3%)



Survey Results: Traveling to/from School

On most days, how is your child transported to/from school?



Survey Results:

Reasons for not Walking/Biking

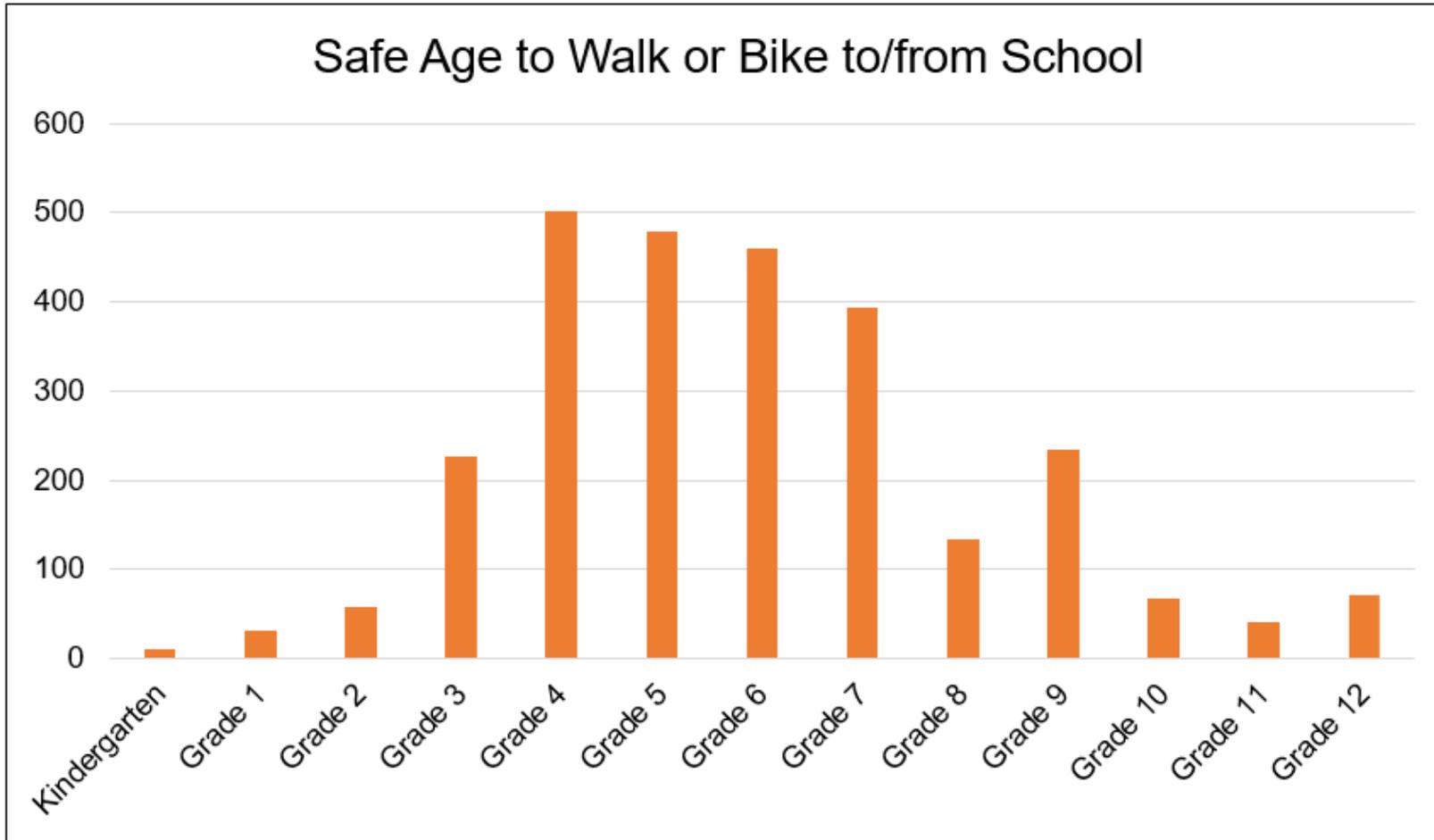


- Distance
 - Too far to walk or bike
 - Path of travel/crossing of major streets
- Safety Concerns
 - Traffic congestion and speed
 - Lack of crossing guards
- Age of Student
 - Safety concerns for younger students
- Infrastructure
 - Lack of pedestrian bridges
 - Lack of crossing guards
 - Need for safer bike lanes/paths
 - Need for better traffic control
 - Need for safer routes to school through neighborhoods
- Convenience



Survey Results: Walking/Biking Safety

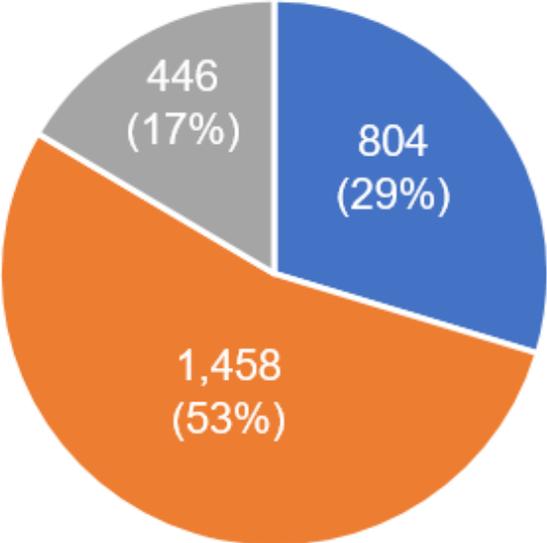
In your opinion, at what grade is it safe for a child to walk or bike to/from school without an adult?





Survey Results: Bus Stop Safety

In your opinion, what age groups can safely wait at a bus stop without an adult?

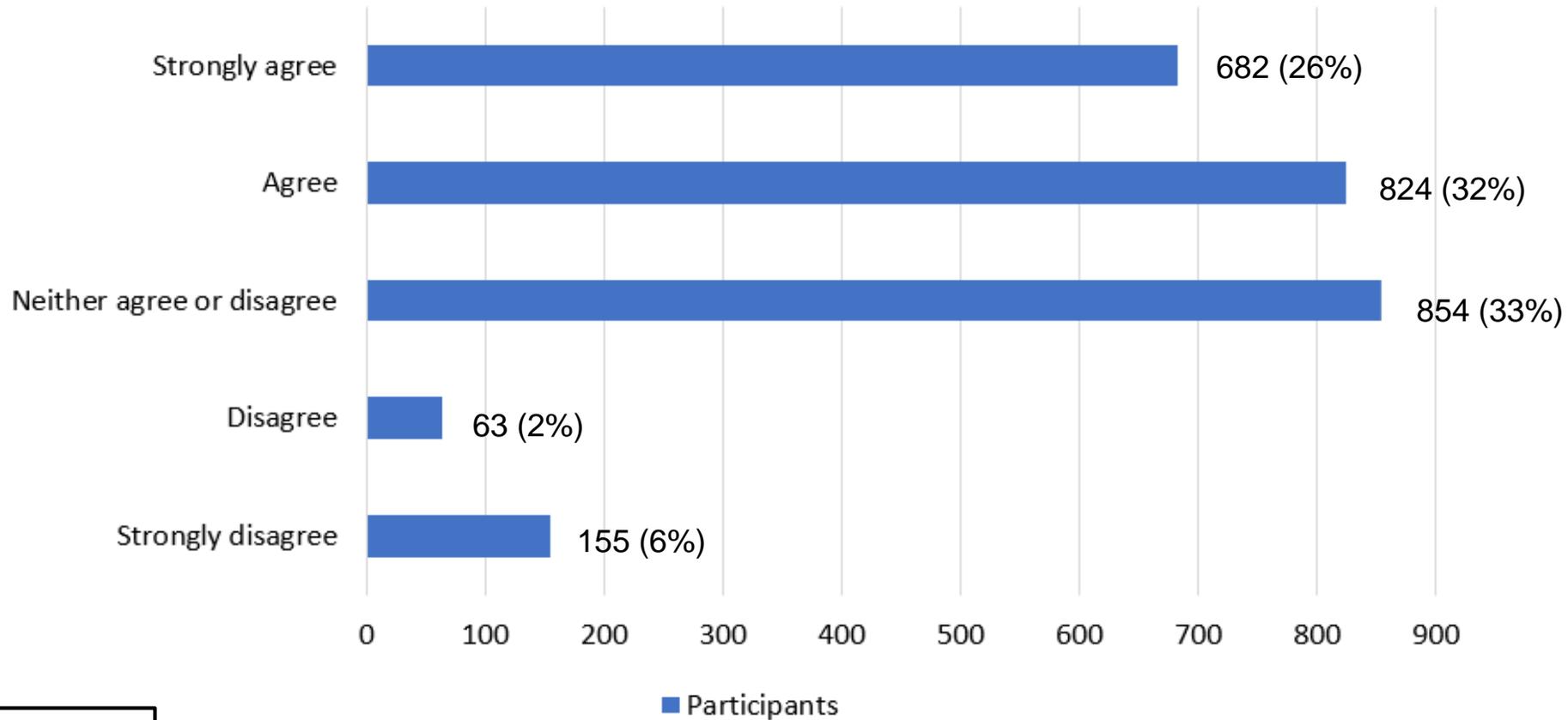


- Elementary School, Middle School, and High School Students
- Middle School and High School Students
- High School Students



Survey Results: Prioritization

I would prefer if school buses operating in my community were zero emission vehicles.

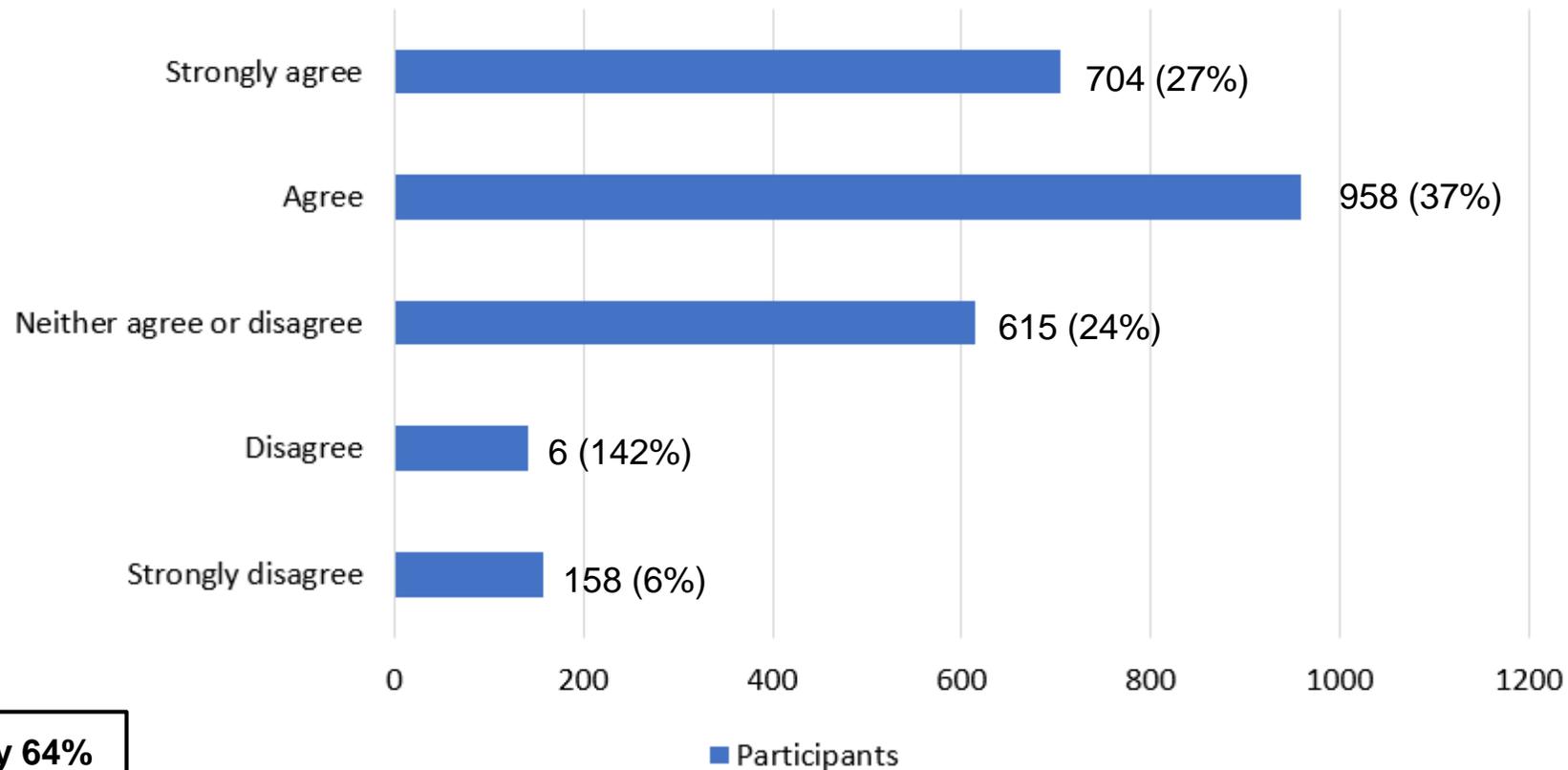


Favorability 58%



Survey Results: Prioritization

It is important that IUSD prioritize planned transportation services for students in Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6 that reside outside established non-transportation zones and where significant safety concerns exist.

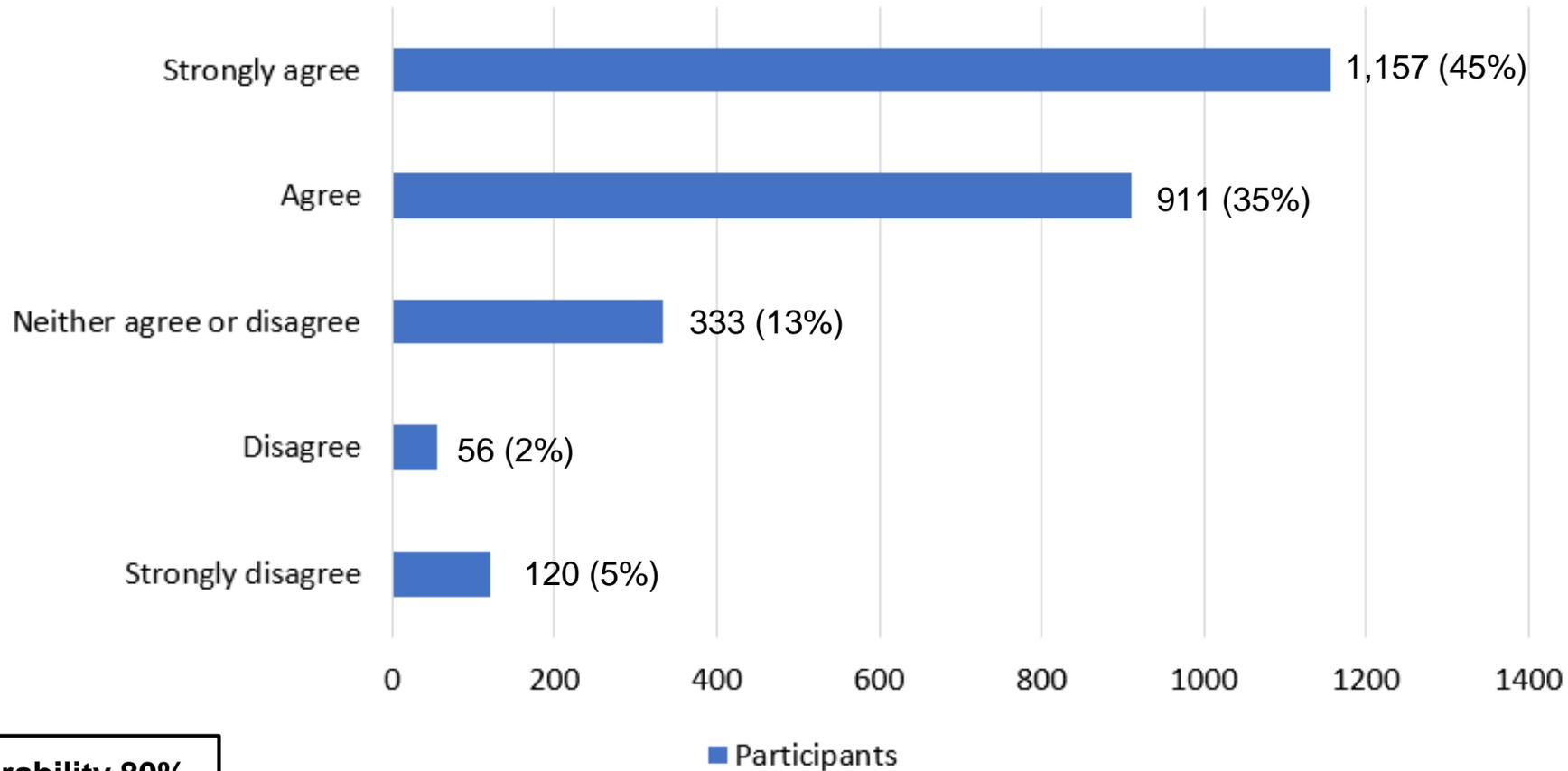


Favorability 64%



Survey Results: Prioritization

It is important that IUSD transportation services are accessible to students with disabilities and students who are homeless.

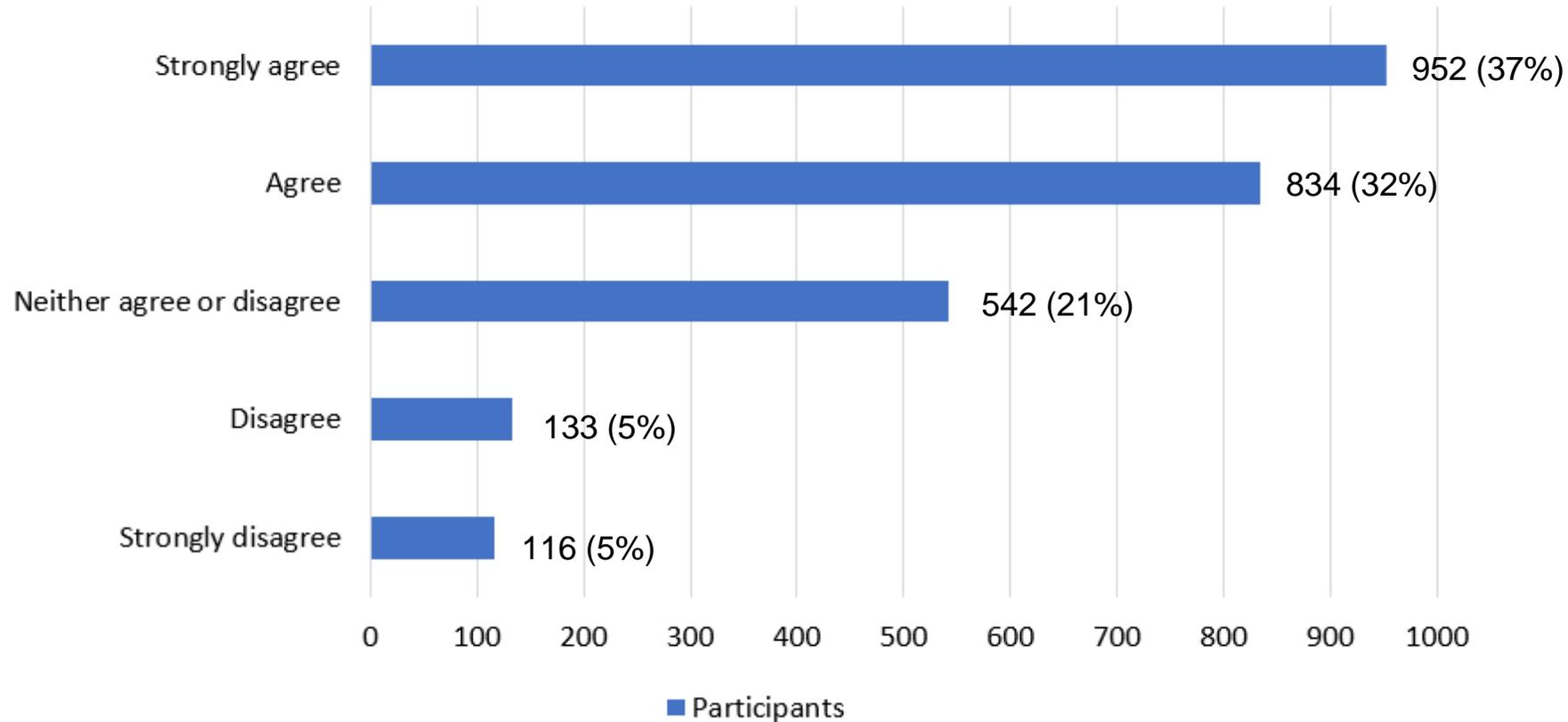


Favorability 80%



Survey Results: Prioritization

It is important for Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) to provide free bus passes for youth ages 6 to 18 to ride all public OCTA routes.

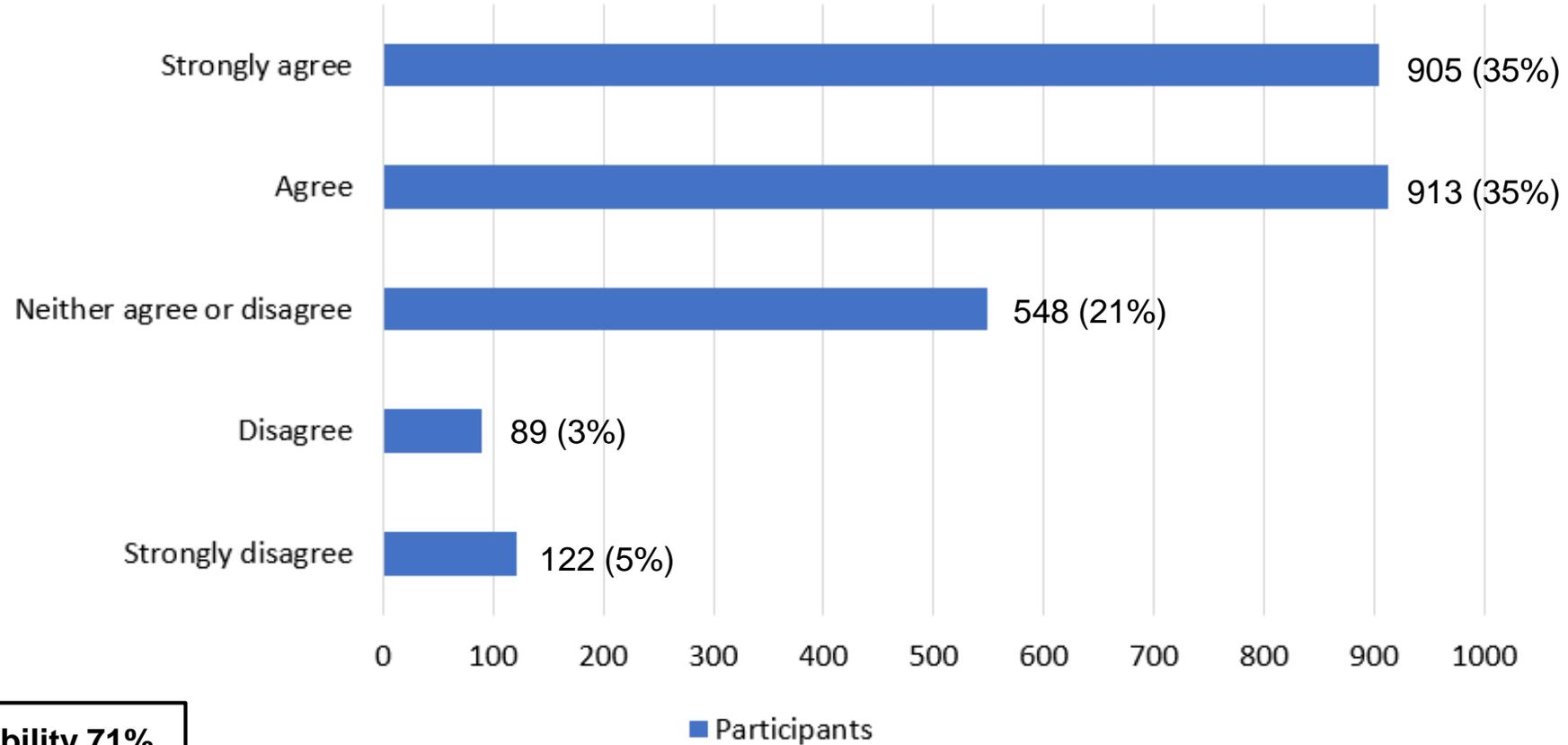


Favorability 69%



Survey Results: Prioritization

It is important for IUSD to provide free transportation for Unduplicated Pupils (Unduplicated Pupils are those eligible for Free/Reduced Meals, English Learners, Foster Youth, and/or Homeless).



Favorability 71%



Survey Results: Comments

Major Themes:

- Additional school bus services/routes
 - Prioritize students residing outside non-transportation zones
 - Provides reliable transportation
 - Alleviates traffic congestion issues

- Safety Concerns
 - Dangerous intersections/path of travel
 - Speed of cars
 - Need for additional crossing guards
 - E-bike safety
 - Stricter regulations
 - Better education
 - Traffic enforcement around schools
 - Parking issues



Survey Results: Comments

Major Themes (continued):

- Traffic Congestion
 - Pick-up and Drop-off times
- Additional Crossing Guards
 - Enhance student safety
 - Improve traffic flow
- Field Trip Costs
- Alternative Transportation Options
 - Organized carpools
 - Bike trains
 - Walking groups

District Response to Survey Feedback



- District and City Quarterly Standing Meetings
 - Suggested Routes to School project
 - Understand needs, practices, and challenges associated with transporting students to and from school
 - Updated Suggested Routes to Schools maps for all schools
 - Traffic congestion and parking concerns
 - Upcoming major events
- District and City Quarterly Transportation Meetings
 - Understand District and City transportation needs
 - Explore collaborative opportunities
- Mandatory E-Vehicle Safety & Registration Program
 - District partnership with Irvine Police Department
 - Safety presentation attendance e-vehicle permit required for all middle and high school students who travel to and from school using an electric vehicle.



Questions ?

