

## City Council Unit of Appropriation 438: School Transportation for Homeless Students Summary Report

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### Requirements

As a condition of the funds in unit of appropriation number 438, the Department of Education shall submit to the Council semi-annual reports on busing provided for students living in shelters. Such reports shall detail the number of students who have been routed and a snapshot of the number of students who are waiting to be routed. The semi-annual reports shall be submitted as follows: the first report shall be submitted no later than January 15, 2021 and shall cover the period beginning September 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. The second report shall be submitted no later than July 15, 2021 and shall cover the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021.

### Assumptions

- “Students living in shelters” was interpreted as students living in DHS shelters
- Students living in shelters were identified by a feed of data to DOE from DHS on June 22, 2021
- For the 2020-2021 school year, students had the option to select blended (in person) classes or remote only learning. As learning preference is dynamic and only students who are attending in person classes are eligible for busing, a single data snapshot was used to represent the reporting period
- The students’ learning preference as of June 22, 2021 was joined to a DHS snapshot from June 22, 2021 to represent their current learning preference
- Only students who selected blended learning or those who did not respond to the survey (these students are automatically enrolled into the blended model) are represented in this report
- For the June 2021 report, any student who was routed as of the snapshot date was counted as routed, regardless of the parent preference transportation indication
- Students with an IEP mandate for busing and who were not routed were considered to be “waiting to be routed” regardless of parent preference transportation indication

## Definitions

Category	Definition
Routed	Student was routed as of June 22,2021. This includes all students who are assigned to a route, regardless of parent preference transportation indication
Waiting To Be Routed	The student is eligible for busing and has a parent preference of busing, or the parent preference is unknown, or the student has an IEP that mandates busing and the student is not routed. This may be due to unavailable route or vehicle or discrepancy in data between DHS and DOE
MetroCard	Parent opted for a MetroCard and the student is not assigned to a bus route
Self-Transport By Parent Choice	Parent opted for private transportation or alternate arrangements for the child to commute to and from school and the student is not assigned to a bus route
Newly Arrived or Transferred or Newly Identified Students in Shelter	Student has recently entered the shelter or moved to a new shelter and/or has conditional status, or the student was not initially identified as a DOE student in DHS data and was matched manually based on student credentials. The new/transferred students are within the allotted timeframe to be routed, which is 7 days from entry in shelter.

## Data

Count of Eligible DOE Students Living in DHS Shelters as of 6/22/2021	
Category	Count of Students
Routed	1638
Waiting To Be Routed	154
MetroCard	679
Self-Transport By Parent Choice	753
Newly Arrived or Transferred or Newly Identified Students in Shelter	53
Total	3277