

**2021 Spring BCSGA Elections
Bakersfield College Transportation Services Student Fee
Ballot Proposition**

Should the KCCD Board of Trustees require that every enrolled Bakersfield College student be assessed a mandatory fee of \$25 for fall and spring instructional semesters and \$15 for summer instructional semester?

Currently, the KCCD Board of Trustees does not require students be assessed a mandatory transportation student fee, thus no city or local transportation services are provided to students. If the new fee is not approved, the Bakersfield College Transportation Student Fee will not be access and no transportation services will be provided. If the new fee is approved, the fee will be effective July 1, 2021, providing transportation services which may include Golden Empire Transit (GET Bus), Kern Transit, and the Executive Express (Renegade Shuttle Services). Passing of this new student fee will allow unlimited access to daily commuters, access to rural Kern, inter-city bus routes, shuttle services between campus sites in Bakersfield, and parking on-campus.

What is it?

A pass that will allow all enrolled Bakersfield College students unlimited ride services for GET Bus, Kern Transit, and BC Shuttle Services when provided.

Who does it affect?

All enrolled Bakersfield College students for both the fee and the provided service, regardless if the student uses the service or not. The annual cost for the new Transportation Student Fee per student per academic year (Fall/Spring/Summer) would be \$65.

Financial Impact:

Every enrolled Bakersfield College student will be assessed the mandatory fees described above regardless if they use the service or not if so approved by the KCCD Board of Trustees.

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Student	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$65
Employee	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$65

Can students get a refund of this fee?

No, not even if the student drops units, except as provided by the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Are students on BOG required to pay?

Yes, except as provided by the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Are students on financial assistance provided by the State or Federal government required to pay this fee?

Yes, except as provided the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Related Regulations & Ed Code:

1. California Student Fee Handbook 2012, Section 3.3
2. The California Education Code 76361

Addendum A

Pro Arguments:

- Provides students the opportunity for affordable transportation services within GET Bus, Kern Transit, and the BC Shuttle Services when provided.
- Could relieve automobile traffic and parking congestion on campus
- The monthly pass for GET Bus costs \$45 (\$540 annually), this is about a \$454 savings to the student who uses the GET Bus.
- Kern Transit's monthly pass is \$65 (\$780 annually), this is a \$730 savings per student annually.
- All services are ADA and bicycle accessible.
- Promotes alternative transportation, which can reduce carbon footprint
- It will help students who do not have modes of transportation and those whose car breaks down.
- Students will be able ride the bus 7 days a week.
- Bus routes will be available inner-city as well out towards rural Kern cities
- The BC Shuttle Services could potentially be a route between the Panorama campus, Weill Institute, BC SouthWest campus, and possibly the Job Spot.
- Allows students who do not have personal cars to get to school, work, grocery or even hospital.
- Eliminates the need to find or pay for parking on campus.

Con Arguments:

- Some people dislike public transportation and would not use it.
- Students that do not use the Bakersfield College Transportation Services will still have to pay the fee
- Potential loss of revenue from parking permit sales will decrease college funding for parking lot and structure maintenance
- Inconsistent accessibility to community transportation stations and schedules
- Could decrease carpool
- Everyone would pay the fee without an opt out ability
- Public transportation runs on set schedules, which may not mesh with travel demands
- There is no privacy in public transportation
- Public transport can be slower than traveling using your personal car and has a lower level of comfort for people riding the bus.

Addendum A

Details:

- A proposition will be placed on the April 2021 BCSGA Spring General Election Ballot.
- To pass the proposition, the election needs a simple majority of “Yes” votes.
- The program will be referred to as the “Transportation Services”.
- The “Transportation Services” will provide students unlimited access to:
 - Golden Empire Transit
 - Kern Transit
 - the Renegade Shuttle Services
 - On-campus student parking
- There is no “opt-out” option. Students may petition the College for a “possible” exception for a BC Student who is **only** taking distance-learning classes *and* does not live in the county.
- District employees may participate in the program at an additional charge.
- The Kern Community College District (KCCD) will enter into an MOU for a period of time to be determined with both Golden Empire Transit and Kern Transit.

Choices for this Measure on the Ballot:

1. Yes, the KCCD Board of Trustees should take action to charge the mandatory Transportation Services Student Fee to all Bakersfield College students: \$20 for fall and spring instructional semesters and \$10 for summer instructional semester.
2. No, the KCCD Board of Trustees should not take action to charge the mandatory Transportation Services Student Fee to all Bakersfield College students.