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## Transportation Funding for Chapter 41 Districts

**The state transportation allotment wasn't updated when the state created Robin Hood.**

- The Legislature created the Transportation Allotment in 1984 to help school districts pay for transportation expenses.
- The state allocates transportation dollars to school districts based on miles traveled and the number of students transferred.
- The Robin Hood system became law nearly a decade after legislators created the Transportation Allotment.
- The allotment was not adjusted for this landmark school finance change.

**Some districts that pay Robin Hood do not receive the transportation allotment.**

- Districts required to pay so much in recapture that they do not receive state funding under the school finance formula do not receive the Transportation Allotment. They also receive no credit against the recapture they must pay.
- All school districts have transportation needs and costs.
- The Transportation Allotment is unlike other allotments (such as the New Instructional Facilities Allotment) in that it exists outside the formulas and doesn't affect recapture.

**Legislators should fix the Transportation Allotment so all school districts benefit.**

- When other allotments (such as High School or New Instructional Facilities) are applied to Chapter 41 districts, the districts get credits on their recapture payments – meaning their recapture payments are reduced
- Similarly, districts that pay recapture should get Transportation Allotment credits.
- The result would not be greater overall funding for Chapter 41 districts. But it would allow Chapter 41 districts to keep more of their local property tax revenue in their local schools and ensure that all students benefit from the Allotment.