

# HEAD START 45 CFR SUBPART F 1303.70-75

## TRANSPORTATION WAIVER REQUEST

### DATA COLLECTION FORM

Grant Number 06CH012925

School Year: 2025-2026

Legal Name of Grantee Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc.

Name, Title and Signature of Authorized Official Requesting Waiver

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1. Number of Children Served

Head Start 465

Early Head Start 16

2. Number of Children Provided Transportation Services:

Head Start 145

Early Head Start 0

a. Using Grantee Owned or Leased Vehicles 0

b. Through Grantee Contracted Transportation Services 0

c. Through District Partnership at No Cost to Grantee 145

3. Estimated Number of Children Who Will be Covered by Waiver:

Head Start 256

Early Head Start 0

4. Requesting Waiver Of:

X Child safety restraint systems requirement (45CFR 1303.71(d) 1303.72(e))

X Bus monitor requirement (45CFR 1303.72(c))

5. Waiver Request Applies to the Following:

X   Grantee             Delegate(s) (please list)

6. Grantee's Justification for Requesting a Waiver (attach no more than 5 pages).

Please explain fully as each request will be considered separately and waivers will not receive automatic approval.

If requesting waivers of both 45 CFR 1303.71(d), child safety restraint systems requirement, and 45 CFR 1303.72(e), bus monitor requirement, you must provide justification for each requirement.

Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc. has entered into partnerships with eight of our local Independent School Districts. One of the benefits of these partnerships is the ability of the school districts to transport children to and from the school campuses where they receive Head Start services. Currently, the State of Texas does not require the use of age and weight appropriate safety restraints and/or bus monitors on school buses.

Granting a waiver in these areas will the Head Start Program to provide a beneficial service to the families served in partnership with the school districts as well as reducing the cost on the program to provide safe, reliable transportation to the children served.

The waiver that Community Service of Northeast Texas, Inc. is requesting is for children who are enrolled at Head Start locations where there is a partnership with the local ISD. The children the waiver would cover will be transported on multiple bus routes at the various ISD locations and while we have an idea of how many children might be transported at each campus, we will not know the route# or number of children on that route until school is in session. I would also note that this number can fluctuate during the school year as our enrollment changes due to children dropping out or entering the program and their individual needs being met.

In the matter of the local school systems outfitting their buses with age appropriate child restraint systems, none have chosen to do this at this time. This is not a requirement in the State of Texas for public school transportation. We provide our school district partners with a copy of the wavier.

The ISD locations and the estimated number of children the wavier would cover are as follows;

School District and Location	Estimated # of Children Transported	Estimated number of buses and routes
Atlanta ISD Atlanta, TX	59 children approximately needing transportation	15 bus routes with 4 or less children on each bus
Bloomburg ISD Bloomburg, TX	11 children approximately needing transportation	6 bus routes with 2 or less children on each bus
Daingerfield/Lone Star ISD Daingerfield, TX	17 children approximately needing transportation	12 bus routes with 2 or less children on each bus
Hughes Springs ISD Hughes Springs, TX	12 children approximately needing transportation	17 bus routes with 1 or less children on each bus
Pittsburg ISD Pittsburg, TX	59 children approximately needing transportation	15 bus routes with 4 or less children on each bus
Texarkana ISD Texarkana, TX	95 children approximately needing transportation	12 bus routes with 8 or less children on each bus

In the event that the local ISD may provide transportation services for field trips to and from the campus, this wavier would also cover these trips.