

Kent County DPW Busing Grant Application

Please email application to: Recycle@KentCountyMI.gov

Purpose: Busing grants are available from the Kent County Department of Public Works (KCDPW) when transportation costs are a prohibiting factor in a group's ability to participate in an educational tour. Field trips are currently available to tour the following facilities: Recycling & Education Center, South Kent Recycling & Waste Center (Landfill), and Waste to Energy Facility. Funds will be awarded if available and if eligibility requirements are met by the tour group.

Award: A single school may qualify for a grant up to \$350. Five thousand dollars are available each school year to award for transportation grants.

Transportation: Transportation will be provided through Dean Transportation or a similar service group.

Eligibility:

In order to qualify for the grant, schools must meet the following criteria:

1. Schools must be located within Kent County
2. Schools must not have another source of bus funds or bus transportation
3. Schools must demonstrate a curriculum connection

Grants will then be awarded with preference to schools that fit any of the following criteria:

- School groups that are middle or high school grade levels
- Schools with 50+ students (at least a full bus load)
- Schools requesting tours involving all three sites
- Schools that have not received the grant in the previous 2 years
- Schools that have never visited Kent County facilities

Approval of funding will be dependent on size of tour group, availability of funds, and eligibility. Partial bus loads may be combined with one another at the discretion of KCDPW.

KCDPW reserves the right to decline any transportation grant request without explanation.

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester: October 1

Spring Semester: February 1

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School name:	School address:	
School coordinator name:	Email:	Phone:
Grade level:	Number of students:	Number of adults:
Number of buses requested:		
Facilities that will be toured (check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Center	Requested date and time:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste to Energy	Requested date and time:	
<input type="checkbox"/> South Kent Landfill	Requested date and time:	
Additional information:		
1. What type of busing assistance does your school offer for field trips?		
2. Please state the Michigan curriculum standards your school group is studying and how this trip will enhance the unit.		
3. Have you visited any KCDPW Facilities previously? If yes, why do you need the grant this year?		
Signature:	Date:	