

2025-2026 EFA Bus Rebate

Education for the Arts (EFA) provides a partial bus rebate for students attending fine arts and cultural events occurring in Kalamazoo County. The rebate supports the attendance of more than 20,000 students annually at eligible events presented by EFA and select community partners.



Schools are responsible for \$25.00 per bus round-trip and EFA reimburses the balance. To be eligible, schools must be located within the Kalamazoo RESA service district and be a public K-8 school, an alternative or special education program, or a private K-8 school that has opted-in to EFA programs. The rebate typically does not apply to PreK or high school students unless attending through an EFA Teaching Artist residency program or through special invitation.

To Submit A Rebate Request:

1. **After each event, complete this form and mail it with a copy of your transportation invoice to:**
Tanisha Gonzalez, Career Connect Campus, 3500 Vanrick Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Please REMC mail or USPS mail your paperwork. Do not email.
2. Submit one request for each event.
3. Requests must be received no later than Friday, June 5, 2026. **Late requests cannot be honored.**
4. For eligibility questions or assistance, contact Tanisha Gonzalez at tanisha.gonzalez@kresa.org or (269) 443-7600.

Important Information:

- **Contact EFA in advance if you have questions regarding eligibility.** Not all events or schools are eligible.
- Pay your transportation invoice in full upon receipt. EFA will not pay your invoice directly.
- EFA issues rebate checks annually in June.
- Rebate checks will be sent to school districts rather than to individual schools. The only exceptions are for private schools or when requesting payment to a PTO.

Teacher/Event coordinator: _____ Phone number: _____
School name: _____ District: _____
Event name: _____ Event date: _____
Number of students attending: _____ Transportation invoice number: _____
Make check payable to (e.g. your district, your private school, your PTO): _____

Reimbursement Formula: *Total cost of trip minus \$25.00 per round-trip bus*

Number of buses: _____ X \$25.00 per bus = \$ _____ (School's cost)

Total cost (invoice amount) \$ _____ – School's cost \$ _____ = \$ _____ EFA Rebate Amount

Arts Organization Presenting Event: *Fill in one circle*

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| <input type="radio"/> Education for the Arts | <input type="radio"/> Kalamazoo Book Arts Center |
| <input type="radio"/> Fontana Chamber Arts | <input type="radio"/> Kalamazoo Institute of Arts |
| <input type="radio"/> Gilmore Keyboard Festival | <input type="radio"/> Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra |
| <input type="radio"/> Glass Art Kalamazoo | <input type="radio"/> Miller Auditorium |

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____