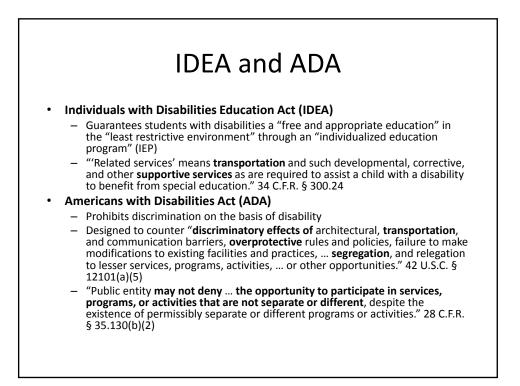
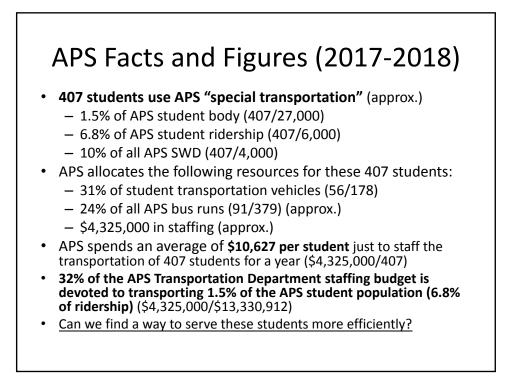
Parent Perspective on APS "Special" Transportation

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Students with Disabilities (SWD) Who Might Need Transportation-Related Services

- Students who are unable to navigate the distance between home and school either by walking or taking the regular school bus (including walking to and waiting at the bus stop) without some level of support, assistance, or special equipment
- Students with such needs may include those with:
 - Visual impairments/Blindness
 - Deafness/Hard of hearing
 - Other communication-related disabilities (e.g., a nonspeaking student who requires communication supports)
 - Physical disabilities/Gross motor impairments
 - Neurological or developmental disabilities (e.g., autism, Down syndrome)
 - Epilepsy/Seizure disorder
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Significant intellectual disabilities/Anyone who might have difficulty navigating an unexpected change in routine
- Special transportation also includes transportation for SWD who attend private schools at APS expense





- Only transportation service option offered is the fully segregated and stigmatizing "short bus"
 - Families have experienced IEP teams pushing this option on them, even where the family says they prefer to walk
- Many parents would strongly prefer to have their children ride the regular bus with the necessary supports
- As with curb cuts, people without disabilities often benefit a great deal by changes that are made to make our society more accessible and welcoming for people with disabilities

