



Memo

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors
 From: Derek Newland, Transportation Director
 Date: January 2, 2018
 Re: Basic Bus Bids and Maximum Depreciation

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-1006 and Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, the State Department of Education recently solicited bids for Conventional and Transit basic school buses. SDE will solicit bids again in June 2018 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following six months.

School districts will continue to independently bid buses in accordance with bidding requirements outlined in Idaho Code. Districts may bid for school buses using individual specifications or may bid using the state basic bus specifications. Idaho basic bus specifications are available online at [State Department of Education Student Transportation Webpage](#). New school bus depreciation reimbursements will be limited to the state basic bus low bid plus any pre-approved safety options. The following table lists maximum depreciation allowed on district bus bids accepted between January 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	\$83,210	\$86,101	\$87,488	\$89,053	\$90,012	\$108,899
Transit FE	\$111,244	\$101,817	\$103,920	\$105,150	\$106,220	\$107,110
Transit RE	\$127,789	\$112,217	\$113,439	\$114,399	\$115,188	\$116,821
Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	\$87,912	\$89,900	\$90,450	\$91,200	\$92,600	107,072

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
	29-30
Diesel	\$73,102
Gasoline	\$56,940
Alternative Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)	Propane \$81,700

In addition to the above listed maximum depreciation, the following safety options may be allowed as additional reimbursement on a pre-approval basis. Districts that need safety options beyond the basic bus, two-way radio, and four camera passenger surveillance system must submit a pre-approval request in advance of bidding the bus. Bus safety option pre-approval requests should be submitted online via IBUS (Idaho Bus Utilization System). The following table reports the maximum reimbursement added to the basic bus for each safety option and the amount removed for non-reimbursable options.

Safety Options	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
Additional Integrated Child Restraint Seats and include LATCH attachments cost per seat	\$950	\$800	\$660
Air Conditioning	\$20,000	\$10,600 - CE \$16,300 - RE	\$8,600
Air conditioning vest	\$550	\$400	\$300
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine-CNG engine	\$48,500	N/A	\$31,500
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine-propane-LPG engine	\$19,850	\$13,000	\$10,500
Automatic chains	\$3,925	\$2,600	\$2,400
Cost per wheel chair station	\$1,250	\$920	\$900
Driver's side window sun visor	\$1,150	\$65	\$75
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	\$19,950	\$9,453	\$12,000
Flat floor	\$2,525	\$1,200	\$2,000
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	\$2,540	\$370	\$400
Full track seating 72 passengers	\$14,150	\$10,000	\$9,500
Heated entry steps	\$1,325	\$331	\$450
Passenger three point seat belts, cost per seat	\$1,195	\$475	\$475
Roof mounted air deflector	\$1,465	\$575	\$600
Second stop arm – left side rear	\$785	\$345	\$400
Stop Arm HD Camera System that will capture view of the event from both directions – <i>In-lieu of one of the four interior cameras</i>	\$925	\$700	\$900

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Track seating per station	\$765	\$460	\$500
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	\$965	\$682	\$450
Wheel chair lift package # lbs. cap.1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included.	\$9,985	\$7,100	\$6,560
Safety Options Non-Reimbursable	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	\$85	\$475	\$450
Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	\$13	\$35	\$33
White roof	Included in Base Price	\$456	\$650
Non-Reimbursable Extended Engine Warranties	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	\$216	\$1,450	N/A
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage	\$415	\$2,300	\$2,200
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	\$135	\$1,800	\$750
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage	\$1,065	\$4,200	\$4,250
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component	\$200	\$850	\$1,050
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage	\$1,165	\$4,650	\$4,750

Please contact SDE with any questions on the new basic bus bids or maximum depreciation. Bus sizes or types that fall outside the basic bus specifications will be depreciated at a rate not to exceed the prior year's average low bid price.