



MEMO

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors

From: Derek Newland, Director Student Transportation

Date: January 1, 2019

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.

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 <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-transportation/index.html>. 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 bids accepted between **January 1, 2019** and **December 31, 2019**. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date. SDE will solicit bids again in December 2019 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following year.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
Passengers	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	84,490	87,123	88,860	90,691	91,875	111,999
Transit FE	114,344	103,421	105,696	107,110	108,441	109,240
Transit RE	114,620	114,065	115,246	116,290	117,335	118,992

Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
Passengers	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	88,700	89,000	92,600	95,091	96,155	110,172

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
Passengers	29-30
Diesel	84,198
Gasoline	58,932
Alt. Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)	93,960

In addition to the above listed maximum depreciation, the following safety options may be allowed as additional reimbursement. **Bus safety options listed below do not need pre-approval.** 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 Reimbursable	
Additional Integrated Child Restraint Seats, include LATCH attachments cost per seat	670
Air Conditioning	9000
Air Conditioning Vest	345
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine - CNG engine	33,500
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine- propane - LPG engine	11,700
Automatic Chains	2500
Cost per wheel chair station	960
Driver's side window sun visor	90
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	13,000
Flat floor	2655
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	435
Full track seating 72 passengers	10,000
Heated entry steps	475
Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat	565
Roof mounted air-deflector	675
Second stop arm – left side rear	460

Safety Options Reimbursable	
Track seating per station	525
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	525
Wheel chair lift package #lbs. cap. 1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included	6900
Stop arm HD camera system that will capture views of the event from both directions – in lieu of one of the four interior cameras	925
Safety Options Non-Reimbursable	
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	1
Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	1
White roof	1
Non-Reimbursable Extended <u>Engine</u> Warranties	
5 year 150,000 miles extended and major component	1
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage	1
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	1
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage	1
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component	1
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage	1

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.