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Memo

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors
From: Kyle Rahn, Director Student Transportation
Date: February 9, 2021
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 bus bids accepted between **January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021**. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date.

SDE will solicit bids again in December 2021 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following year.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)						
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84	87-94
Conventional	88,232	90,101	92,608	94,309	95,901	117,643	
Transit FE	120,107	106,622	108,970	110,255	111,749	112,596	131,068
Transit RE	118,600	118,194	119,688	120,632	121,729	123,295	
Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)						
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84	
Conventional	89,600	91,800	93,460	97,500	98,900	115,724	

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
Passengers	29-30
Diesel	85,600
Gasoline	62,010
Alternative Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)	95,860

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 and include LATCH attachments cost per seat	860
Air Conditioning	10,100
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment Only)	1,860
Air conditioning vest	548
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine-CNG engine	40,102
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine-propane-LPG engine	14,200
Automatic chains	2,686
Cost per wheel chair station (To include securement equipment needed for each station)	1,326
Driver's side window sun visor	160
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	13,851
Flat floor	3,198
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	452
Full track seating 72 passengers	12,600
Heated entry steps	584
Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat	870
Roof mounted air deflector	801
Second stop arm – left side rear	485
Track seating per station	684
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	684
Wheel chair lift package # lbs. cap.1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included.	7,821
Stop Arm HD Camera System that will capture views of the event from both directions – In-lieu of one of the four interior cameras	988
Safety Options Non-Reimbursable	
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	223

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Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	24
White roof	240
Non-Reimbursable Extended <u>Engine</u> Warranties	
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	N/A
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage	1,860
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	600
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage	2,850
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component	700
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage	3,100

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.