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# Memo

**To:** Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors  
**From:** Kyle Rahn, Director Student Transportation  
**Date:** January 31, 2022  
**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, 2022 and December 31, 2022**. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date.

SDE will solicit bids again in December 2022 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
<b>Conventional</b>	\$91,136.00	\$94,792.00	\$96,949.00	\$99,898.00	\$101,894.00	\$135,289.00
<b>Transit FE</b>	\$138,123.00	\$110,867.00	\$114,821.00	\$116,922.00	\$118,781.00	\$121,944.00
<b>Transit RE</b>	\$128,600.00	\$123,418.00	\$125,491.00	\$127,815.00	\$129,643.00	\$131,982.00
Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
<b>Conventional</b>	\$98,865.00	\$100,756.00	\$103,460	\$106,115.00	\$107,241.00	\$133,082.00

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>29-30</b>
<b>Diesel</b>	\$95,600.00
<b>Gasoline</b>	\$70,750.00
<b>Alternative Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)</b>	\$105,860.00

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.

<b>Safety Options Reimbursable</b>	
Additional Integrated Child Restraint Seats and include LATCH attachments cost per seat	\$801
Driver Air Conditioning	\$1950
Air Conditioning (Full Bus)	\$10,500
Air conditioning vest	\$400
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine-CNG engine	\$37,810
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine-propane-LPG engine	\$12,790
Automatic chains	\$2,700
Cost per wheel chair station (To include securement equipment needed for each station)	\$1,375
Driver's side window sun visor	\$85
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	\$14,500
Flat floor	\$3,650
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	\$550
Full track seating 72 passengers	\$12,892
Heated entry steps	\$671
Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat	\$527
Roof mounted air deflector	\$700
Second stop arm – left side rear	\$595
Track seating per station	\$900
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	\$480
Wheel chair lift package # lbs. cap.1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included.	\$7261
Stop Arm HD Camera System that will capture views of the event from both directions – <b>In-lieu of one of the four interior cameras</b>	\$800
<b>Safety Options Non-Reimbursable</b>	
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	\$189

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Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	\$21
White roof	\$208

<b>Non-Reimbursable Extended <u>Engine</u> Warranties</b>	<b>Blue Bird</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	N/A	N/A	N/A
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage	\$2,600	\$2100	\$2,300
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	\$850	\$850	\$790
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage	\$4,400	\$3000	\$4,450
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component	\$1,051	\$800	\$1,110
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage	\$4,950	\$3300	\$5,125

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.