

Memo

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors
From: Ali Stolzman, Director Student Transportation
Date: February 5, 2024
Re: Idaho Basic Bus Prices

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-1006 and Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, the Idaho Department of Education Student Transportation Division recently solicited pricing for Conventional and Transit basic school buses.

School districts will continue to independently price buses in accordance with 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 pricing plus any pre-approved safety options. The following table lists maximum depreciation allowed on district bus prices accepted between **February 5, 2024 and May 1, 2024**. Districts will submit a copy of their school board meeting minutes as documentation of the price acceptance date.

Idaho Department of Education will request prices again in April 2024 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the remainder of 2024.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)						
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84	87-90
Conventional	\$162,364	\$165,656	\$168,329	\$171,455	\$174,538	\$192,644	
Transit FE	\$239,299	\$199,068	\$202,932	\$206,273	\$210,425	\$213,460	\$261,131
Transit RE	\$273,918	\$220,680	\$224,351	\$228,467	\$231,418	\$237,228	
Gasoline	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)						
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84	
Conventional	\$211,473	\$216,141	\$219,756	\$224,425	\$229,100	230,563	

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
Passengers	29-30
Diesel	\$125,600
Gasoline	\$122,856
Alternative Fuel LPG or CNG (specify)	\$166,779

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	\$1,694
Air Conditioning (Full Bus) IEP Driven	\$25,548
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Conventional	\$6,000
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Transit FE	\$11,542
Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment only) Transit RE	\$8,457
Air conditioning vest	\$1,086
Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine-CNG engine	N/A
Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine-propane-LPG engine	\$34,116
Automatic chains	\$5,261
Cost per wheel chair station (To include securement equipment needed for each station)	\$2,502
Driver's side window sun visor	\$293
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	\$26,462
Flat floor	\$6,349
Tinted passenger window (28%)	\$1,250
Front bumper mounted student crossing arm	\$1,084

Full track seating 72 passengers	\$22,301
Heated entry steps	\$1,781
Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat	\$1,576
Roof mounted air deflector	\$1,709
Second stop arm – left side rear	\$1,355
Track seating per station	\$1,553
Track seats to be installed, cost per seat	\$1,278
Wheel chair lift package # lbs. cap.1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included.	\$18,210
Stop Arm HD Camera System that will capture views of the event from both directions – In-lieu of one of the four interior cameras	\$1,642
Safety Options Non-Reimbursable	
Additional price per camera for passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras	\$386
Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	\$80
White roof	\$713

Non-Reimbursable Warranties	Extended Engine	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component		N/A	N/A	\$700
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage		\$2,217	\$2,600	\$2,650
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component		\$824	\$1,150	\$900
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage		\$3,790	\$3,900	\$4,400
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component		\$1,016	\$1,250	\$1,350
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage		\$4,263	\$4,000	\$5,150

Please contact the department with any questions on the new basic bus pricing 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.

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