



## **POLICY 2.291**

**4-B** I recommend that the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 2.291, entitled "Acquisition and Replacement of Vehicles."

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### **Adoption**

### **CONSENT ITEM**

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on March 30, 2011.
- This revision updates the replacement criteria for buses:
  - The bus has extensive physical or mechanical damages and is rendered non-repairable (totaled).
  - A single repair of the bus exceeds 80 percent of the actual cash value (ACV) of the bus.
  - Repair parts for the bus are no longer available.
  - The bus is at ten (10) years and does not meet current safety specifications in compliance with State Board of Education Rule 6A-3.0291, FAC, and §1006.25, Fla. Stat.
  - The mileage of the bus exceeds 200,000 with an ACV of \$4000 or less.
- This revision updates the replacement criteria for non-bus vehicles:
  - Vehicle has extensive physical or mechanical damages and is rendered non-repairable (totaled)
  - A single repair cost exceeds 80 percent of the ACV of the vehicle
  - Repair parts are no longer available
  - Mileage exceeds 200,000 with an ACV of \$2000 or less

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ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES

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3 1. **Purpose.** To establish procedures for the acquisition and replacement of District  
4 vehicles, including school buses.

5 2. **School Board Bus Purchase and Replacement.**

6 a. *Bus Specifications.* All school buses purchased after the effective date of  
7 this policy shall meet or exceed the applicable school bus specifications  
8 required by the Florida Department of Education and as provided in the State  
9 Board of Education rules.

10 b. *Replacement or Purchases.* ~~School buses, at ten years or 200,000 miles~~  
11 ~~shall be considered for replacements annually when funds are available.~~ The  
12 Superintendent shall recommend to the School Board, during the annual  
13 budget development process, funding for school bus purchases or  
14 replacements. In making recommendations for purchases, the Superintendent  
15 shall include anticipated changes in the student population and its impact  
16 upon the student transportation program when making a recommendation for  
17 school bus purchases.

18 c. ~~Safety.~~ ~~The Superintendent, or designee, shall recommend replacement of~~  
19 ~~any specific bus, regardless of age, when that bus is deemed unsafe for~~  
20 ~~transporting students.~~ Replacement Criteria. The Superintendent shall  
21 recommend to the School Board the purchase or replacement of a school  
22 bus when one or more of the following criteria would be applicable to a bus.

23 i. The bus has extensive physical or mechanical damages and is rendered  
24 non-repairable (totaled).

25 ii. A single repair of the bus exceeds 80 percent of the actual cash value  
26 (ACV) of the bus.

27 iii. Repair parts for the bus are no longer available.

28 iv. The bus is at ten (10) years and does not meet current safety  
29 specifications in compliance with State Board of Education Rule 6A-  
30 3.0291, FAC, and §1006.25, Fla. Stat.

31 v. The mileage of the bus exceeds 200,000 with an ACV of \$4000 or less.

32 3. **Non-School Bus Vehicle Purchase and Replacement.**

33 a. *Vehicle Specifications.* The Superintendent, or designee, shall determine the

34 vehicle specification requirement in coordination with the subject department's  
35 operating requirements.

36 b. *Replacement Criteria.* ~~Board-owned motor vehicles should be considered for~~  
37 ~~replacement when the following criteria are reached:~~ The Superintendent  
38 shall recommend to the School Board school, during the annual budget  
39 development process, funding for the purchase and replacement of non-bus  
40 vehicles when one or more of the following criteria are applicable:

41 i. Vehicle has extensive physical or mechanical damages and is rendered  
42 non-repairable (totaled) ~~Passenger cars, 7 years or 120,000 miles~~

43 ii. A single repair cost exceeds 80 percent of the ACV of the vehicle ~~Light~~  
44 ~~duty trucks and vans, 10 years or 180,000 miles~~

45 iii. Repair parts are no longer available ~~Heavy duty trucks, 10 years or~~  
46 ~~240,000 miles; or~~

47 iv. Mileage exceeds 200,000 with an ACV of \$2000 or less ~~Uneconomical to~~  
48 ~~repair or operate~~

49 c. ~~*Safety.* If it is determined a vehicle is not safe to operate, the Superintendent~~  
50 ~~shall recommend replacement or retirement.~~

51 d. ~~*Economic Considerations.* The Superintendent shall recommend replacement~~  
52 ~~of any vehicle regardless of age or mileage that are deemed by the~~  
53 ~~Transportation Department not to be cost effective to repair. Vehicles which~~  
54 ~~are safe and provide adequate service with reasonable maintenance costs~~  
55 ~~may be retained beyond the recommended age or mileage criteria and shall~~  
56 ~~remain in service as long as practical.~~

57 4. **Economic and Other Considerations.** This policy shall not preclude an earlier or  
58 later replacement if the director of transportation, as the Superintendent's  
59 designee, determines based on a recommendation by the Superintendent with  
60 approval by the School Board if it is determined that the District's action is  
61 economically desirable, efficient, safe, and in compliance with the law.

62 5. **Prior Approval of Transportation Required for Acquisition of Vehicles.** Before  
63 any vehicle to be used for transportation is acquired by a school or department, or  
64 is received as a donation, the Transportation Department shall inspect and  
65 determine the value of the vehicle, availability of repair parts, and the probable cost  
66 of upkeep.

67 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41 (1) & (2); 1001.42 (23);  
68 1006.21

69 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1); 1001.42(8); 1001.43 (2);

70 1006.21; 1006.22; 1013.28  
71 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE: Chapter 6A-3, F.A.C.  
72 HISTORY: 12/5/73; 7/21/82; 8/27/08; 6/3/09; \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2011

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 2.291 and finds it legally sufficient for adoption by the Board.

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Attorney

Date