



## POLICY 2.291

4-J 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 April 29, 2009.
- This revised policy updates the bus replacement guidelines to 10 years or 200,000 miles of service pending funding availability. Buses deemed to be unsafe for transporting students will be replaced regardless of age or mileage.
- Vehicles that are deemed to be not cost effective to repair will be recommended for replacement. Vehicles which are safe and provide adequate service with reasonable maintenance costs may be retained beyond the recommended age or mileage criteria and shall remain in service as long as practical.
- Before any vehicle to be used for transportation is acquired by a school or department, or is received as a donation, the transportation department shall inspect and determine the value of the vehicle, availability of repair parts, and the probable cost of upkeep.

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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 Purchase and Replacement.**
  - 6 a. *Bus Specifications.* All school buses purchased after the effective date of this  
7 policy shall meet or exceed the applicable school bus specifications required  
8 by the Florida Department of Education and provided in the State Board of  
9 Education rule.
  - 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 funding for school bus  
13 purchases or replacements. In making recommendations for purchases, the  
14 Superintendent shall include anticipated changes in the student population  
15 and its impact upon the student transportation program when making a  
16 recommendation for school bus purchases.
  - 17 c. *Safety.* The Superintendent, or designee, shall recommend replacement of  
18 any specific bus, regardless of age, when that bus is deemed unsafe for  
19 transporting students.
- 20 3. **Non-Bus Vehicle Purchase and Replacement.**
  - 21 a. *Vehicle Specifications.* The Superintendent, or designee, shall determine the  
22 vehicle specification requirement in coordination with the subject department's  
23 operating requirements.
  - 24 b. *Replacement Criteria.* Board-owned motor vehicles should be considered for  
25 replacement when the following criteria are reached:
    - 26 i. Passenger cars, 7 years or 120,000 miles
    - 27 ii. Light duty trucks and vans, 10 years or 180,000 miles
    - 28 iii. Heavy duty trucks, 10 years or 240,000 miles; or
    - 29 iv. Uneconomical to repair or operate
    - 30 School buses, 10 years or 200,000 miles, or
  - 31 c. *Safety.* If it is determined a vehicle is not safe to operate, the Superintendent

32 shall recommend replacement or retirement.

33 d. Economic Considerations. The Superintendent shall recommend replacement  
34 of any vehicle regardless of age or mileage that are deemed by the  
35 Transportation Department not to be cost effective to repair. Vehicles which  
36 are safe and provide adequate service with reasonable maintenance costs  
37 may be retained beyond the recommended age or mileage criteria and shall  
38 remain in service as long as practical.

39 4. **Economic and Other Considerations.** This policy shall not preclude an earlier  
40 or later replacement if the director of transportation, as the Superintendent's  
41 designee, determines that the District's action is economically desirable, efficient,  
42 safe, and in compliance with the law.

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

48 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41 (1) & (2); 1001.42 (23);  
49 1006.21

50 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1); 1001.42(8); 1001.43 (2);  
51 1006.21; 1006.22; 1013.28

52 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE: Chapter 6A-3, F.A.C.

53 HISTORY: 12/5/73; 7/21/82; 8/27/08; \_\_\_/\_\_\_/09

Legal Signoff:

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

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