



POLICY 2.291

5-C I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed **revised** Policy 2.291, entitled "Acquisition and Replacement of Vehicles."

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- 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.

Attorney _____ Date _____