

# POLICY

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Non-Instructional/Business  
Operations

## **SUBJECT: BUS REPLACEMENT POLICY**

The Board recognizes the importance of long-range planning in the area of transportation. The Board further commits itself to establishing a bus replacement plan that will allow the District to project anticipated needs, yet be flexible enough to adapt if student enrollment changes.

Vehicle safety and efficiency of operation are paramount to the successful operation of our pupil transportation system. With this in mind, the following considerations will be observed:

- a) An annual comparison of cost per mile will be made. Cost will exclude driver wages.
- b) Those vehicles operating above the average cost per mile will be considered for replacement.
- c) Those vehicles in need of extensive repair approaching a significant percentage of the value of the vehicle will be recommended for replacement.
- d) Those vehicles for which parts are difficult or impossible to obtain will be recommended for replacement.
- e) Those vehicles which are experiencing structural and/or body deterioration and are no longer safe to transport pupils will be replaced.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

A preventive maintenance program for inspection, service and correction shall be operated for the purpose of preventing breakdowns, instilling a safe operation, lowering operating costs, and providing more dependable service and longer vehicle life.

In an effort to prevent premature chassis and body deterioration, all vehicles will be washed thoroughly once a week and upon the designation of the Transportation Supervisor when the vehicles are subject to road salt. For the summer months, the schedule will be as needed.

The interior of each vehicle will be inspected prior to each departure. Each driver shall be responsible for maintaining the interior in a clean and sanitary condition. See also employee contract.