

**LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD POLICY \_\_\_\_\_ DJ**

*BUS AND DISTRICT VEHICLE ACQUISITION AND LIQUIDATION*

The Lyon County School District will provide for the timely replacement of school buses and district vehicles. The Board of Trustees and District administration recognizes that timely replacement of school buses and district vehicles lowers operational costs, increases safety, improves efficiency, reduces emissions and permits for financial planning. The District will follow the industry standards of The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) when considering replacement options.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify, freeze, cancel or make other changes to the policy as economic realities or uncertainties may dictate a lack of resources to fund the replacement options.

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Adopted 9/22/15

*BUS AND DISTRICT VEHICLE PURCHASES AND LIQUIDATION – ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS*

A replacement schedule will be developed based on NASDPTS industry standards and the schedule will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Transportation Supervisor and Director of Finance with ultimate approval by the Board of Trustees as part of the budget process. The Transportation Supervisor will be responsible for determining which buses/district vehicles in the fleet will be replaced. The decision to replace will be determined in accordance with industry standards, including an analysis of the vehicle's mechanical worthiness, total miles, age and operating and maintenance costs. Other best practices will also be implemented including route rotation plans to ensure buses accrue mileage evenly and to reduce unequal bus wear.

**15-Year Bus Replacement Option**

Replacing buses every 15 years would meet the high end of the NASDPTS industry standard. A 15 – year plan requires purchasing eight (8) buses per year (one (1) for growth and seven (7) for replacement).

**Modified 15-Year Bus Replacement Option**

The financial burden of a bus replacement plan can be smoothed if the number of buses required for a 15-year plan was partially funded with bond funds every 5 years. With this plan, six (6) buses are purchased each year instead of eight (8). In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the cycle, an additional nine (9) buses would be purchased with bond funds bringing the total number of buses purchased that year to fifteen (15).

**District Vehicle Replacement**

District vehicles will be acquired and liquidated as needed and determined by the Director of Finance and Transportation Supervisor in accordance with the aforementioned provisions. The same industry standards used for buses will be used for district vehicles.

**Liquidation of Buses and District Vehicles**

Buses and district vehicles may be liquidated at the discretion of the Director of Finance and Transportation Supervisor.