

Bus Replacement Guidelines

The Patrick County School Board is committed to providing safe and efficient buses for the purpose of transporting students to and from school and to school-related activities and functions. The fleet will be maintained and operated in accordance with all state and federal regulations governing school buses.

In order to ensure an efficient and operational bus fleet, an annual assessment of the entire fleet will be conducted. The School Board, in developing its annual budget requests, will utilize the annual assessment information.

The Following criteria will be used in determining the buses eligible for replacement:

- Age of Bus
- Mileage of Bus
- Repair Costs, exclusive of routine vehicle maintenance, since its acquisition
- Safety Issues

In order to be considered for replacement, a bus must meet all three components of the following standard for replacement:

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| Age of Bus: | 15 years or older |
| Mileage of Bus: | 200,000 miles or greater |
| Repair Costs: | \$10,000 or greater |
| Safety Issues: | If safety issues occur that warrants replacement, the above criteria do not apply. Examples include excessive rust, or ongoing electrical problems. |

If budget funds are available for additional bus replacements, buses that meet at least two of the three components of the established standard will be considered for replacement. Buses that are designated as a spare will have met one of the three replacement criteria and does not have a safety issue. Should a bus route be eliminated, the bus will be assigned to a different route that has an older bus or to the spare fleet.