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WAC 392-142-205 Assignment and changes to school bus categories. To determine the average price for a school bus assigned to a category that was not defined in the previous four years, the superintendent shall assign the school bus to the most appropriate category. When a school bus category is no longer available or when the definition of a school bus category is changed, the superintendent shall place any school bus still eligible for reimbursement into the most appropriate existing category. The superintendent shall provide a public meeting for interested parties prior to any change in school bus categories.

WAC 392-142-214 Alternative bid process. School districts are not required to use the state school bus quote process to purchase a school bus. However, a school district using another process shall only be reimbursed for a school bus if the school district uses a lowest-price competitive bid process conducted in accordance with the requirements of RCW 28A.335.190. Regardless of purchase process, all school buses must meet the requirements established in the school bus specifications manual.

WAC 392-142-225 Placement of used school buses on the state reimbursement system. A used school bus not previously on the reimbursement system shall be placed on the reimbursement system as if it had been issued a school bus operation permit on the first of September in the year of manufacture. A used school bus previously on the reimbursement system shall be placed on the system using the original initial eligible month and assuming no break in eligible months. The superintendent shall calculate reimbursement for used school buses using the assumption that all possible prior system payments were paid along with any assumed interest earnings.

WAC 392-142-240 Calculation of replacement system payments. To calculate the replacement system payment for a school district-owned school bus, the superintendent shall:

(1) Assign the school bus to the appropriate category;
(2) Divide the current year system price by the system lifetime;
(3) Multiply by the total number of past and current year eligible months;
(4) Subtract the total amount of all school bus replacement payments made in prior school years (if any);
(5) Subtract the assumed interest earnings (if any); and
(6) Subtract the salvage value if the current school year is the final year of the school bus's system life.
WAC 392-142-245 Calculation of depreciation system payments. To calculate the depreciation system payment for a contractor-owned school bus, the superintendent shall:

1. Assign the school bus to the appropriate category;
2. Divide the first year state supported price by the system lifetime; and
3. Multiply the result by the number of eligible months in the current school year.

WAC 392-142-250 Calculation and allocation schedule. The superintendent shall calculate annual school bus reimbursement payments for existing school buses by September 15th of each year. Calculation of reimbursement for a school bus entering the system during a school year shall be based on the number of remaining eligible months in the school year. The superintendent shall apportion school bus reimbursement payments as follows:

1. Replacement system payments shall be distributed to school districts on the final business day of August of each year; and
2. Depreciation system payments shall be distributed to school districts in accordance with the schedule set forth in RCW 28A.510.250.

WAC 392-142-255 Deposit of payments in the transportation vehicle fund. School districts shall deposit net proceeds for the rent, sale, lease, or other disposition of school buses and replacement payments for school district-owned vehicles in the transportation vehicle fund. Depreciation system payments are not required to be deposited in the transportation vehicle fund.

WAC 392-142-260 Allowable uses of the transportation vehicle fund. School districts shall only use money in the transportation vehicle fund for the following purposes:

1. The purchase of school buses;
2. Performing major repairs to a school bus receiving prior approval by the superintendent.

Funds may be transferred from the transportation vehicle fund to the debt service fund for the payment of debt and interest associated with purchase agreements for school buses, including lease purchase agreements.

WAC 392-142-265 Improper maintenance and operation. (1) If a school bus is otherwise eligible for reimbursement payments and is determined to have been improperly maintained or operated, the superintendent shall discontinue reimbursement system payments effective the first of the month following the initial determination. The superintendent shall use the following process for any future payments:

a. For school buses that are restored to operational condition, the superintendent shall:
   i. Return the school bus to the reimbursement system effective the first of the month following the date of the Washington state patrol inspection; and
   ii. Not provide reimbursement for any months the school bus was determined to have been improperly maintained or operated. However, such months shall be included as eligible months in the calculation of the system lifetime of the vehicle.

b. For school buses that the school district disposes of without returning the vehicle to operational condition, the superintendent shall:
   i. Divide the total number of eligible months by the system life;
   ii. Multiplying the result by the current state-determined purchase price;
   iii. Subtract the total of all previous school bus replacement payments;
   iv. Subtract the total assumed interest earnings; and
   v. Subtract the salvage value.

2. Such factors as fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, or volcanic eruption shall not result in a school bus being determined to have been improperly maintained or operated. However, reimbursement payments shall be discontinued effective the first of the month following any such occurrence. Any future payments shall be calculated using the procedures listed in subsection (1) of this section. The superintendent shall assume any such school bus will be returned to service until such time as the school district disposes of the school bus.

3. If a school district disposes of a school bus prior to the end of its useful lifetime, the superintendent shall discontinue reimbursement system payments as of the month of the sale of the school bus and adjust any final payment using the process in subsection (1) of this section.

4. If a school district operates a school bus without an operation permit, the superintendent shall not provide reimbursement for that time period. However, any such months shall be included as eligible months in the calculation of the system lifetime of the vehicle.
WAC 392-142-270 Disposition of school buses. When a school district sells or otherwise disposes of a school bus, the school district shall notify the superintendent within thirty days using SPI Form 1020B.

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