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School Transportation Update



March 2019



2019-20 Transportation Budget Estimate



- ❑ The 2019-20 budget appropriation in House Bill 2 is currently \$107,547,713, a \$5 million increase to the appropriation that is currently being paid out for the 2018-19 payment year.
- ❑ This will cause an approximate 1% increase in the funding level.

2018-19 State Transportation Aid Calculation



- The fiscal year 2018-19 state transportation aid calculation is available through the School Finance website. Select Monthly Financial Reports. Input County-District number. The Payment Transmittal is then displayed. Click on the revenue name “Transportation” on the Payment Transmittal to access the transportation aid calculation. The link to School Finance Monthly Financial Reports is <http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/school-finance/financial-reports>.
- This is the sixth live state transportation calculation made for the current year. The calculation is based on 2018-19 school year data submitted by the district on the state transportation aid documents included in Part IV of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (Application for State Transportation Aid, School Bus and Facility Depreciation Schedules).
- The percent of reduction to the calculated entitlement computed for the March 2019 calculation is shown below. This reduction percentage represents the amount the entitlement exceeded the appropriation and will fluctuate from month to month as revisions are made to individual school district data. The percent of reduction and the A and B factors are also reflected on each district’s Summary Transportation Report.
- The percentage reduction and the A and B factors are as follows:

Reduction Factor
66.645275

A Factor
3.526304

B Factor
-1.355852

Federal Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) Regulation



- Section 32304 of MAP-21, 49 CFR Part 380, 383, 384
- The regulations must address knowledge and skills for drivers, with specific requirements for drivers seeking a passenger or hazmat endorsement.
- Classroom and behind-the-wheel training is required with a total of 93 topics to be covered.
- Training providers must demonstrate that their training meets the Federal standards.
- Effective February 7, 2020

ELDT (Continued)



- No mandated hours of training but competence must be proven in all subject areas on a written test with a score of 80% or greater.
- All CDL training providers must be listed on a Training Provider Registry; training providers must complete an identification report and provide a biennial update.
- Training providers must submit training certificates to FMCSA; FMCSA will transmit the certificates to the Missouri Dept. of Revenue.

ELDT Training Provider



- Follow a curriculum that meets FMCSA's criteria;
- Use facilities with adequate classroom and areas for BTW training;
- Use commercial vehicles that meet Federal and State safety requirements; representative of the CDL class being taught;
- Use qualified instructors;
- Be licensed, certified, registered, or authorized to provide training in accordance with applicable State laws and regulations where the training is provided; and,
- Allow FMCSA to audit or investigate the program.

Theory Instructor



- Hold a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided.
- Have at least 2 years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same or higher class, **OR**
- Have at least 2 years of experience as a BTW CMV driver instructor requiring a CDL of the same or higher class.
- **Exception** – Theory instructors are not required to hold the CDL, provided the instructor previously held a CDL.

ELDT BTW Instructor Qualifications



- Hold a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided.
- Have at least 2 years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same or higher class, **OR**
- Have at least 2 years of experience as a BTW CMV driver instructor requiring a CDL of the same or higher class.
- **Exception** – BTW instructors providing training solely on a range closed to the public is not required to hold the CDL, provided the instructor previously held a CDL.

Safety Management System



- Focused on safety regulatory framework that will focus on safety policies at the training location.
- Training locations must post what the specific site's hazards are and the actions that can be taken to remove or reduce those hazards.
- For instance, hazards could include danger zones around a bus and pedestrian crosswalks.

Certified School Bus Driver Instructor Training



- The Certified School Bus Driver Instructor workshop is scheduled for July 24-26, 2019, in Warrensburg.
- The Certified School Bus Driver Instructor recertification training will be held in Columbia on July 19, 2019.
- Registration forms for this training are available <http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/school-transportation/certified-bus-driver-instructors>, a listing of all current Certified School Bus Driver Instructors can also be viewed at this site.

Annual School Bus Driver Training Required



- Missouri law requires that each school bus driver receive at least 8 hours of annual training.
- This includes regular route drivers, sub drivers, activity and field trip drivers, and school district staff members such as coaches and teachers who drive school buses.
- Training records should include who attended the training, when the training was provided, and the contents of the training.

National School Bus Safety Week



October 21-25, 2019



For posters contact NAPT at 800-989-6278.

Non-Conforming Van Use



5 CSR 30-261.045 Pupil Transportation in Vehicles Other Than School Buses

- ⦿ Any vehicle with a rated *capacity to carry more than ten passengers including the driver* that is purchased, leased, or contracted for must be a yellow school bus and meet all Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses as well as all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for School Buses (with the exception of motor coaches).
- ⦿ *This means that a school district cannot purchase, contract, or rent 12/15/17 passenger vans for the transportation of school children.*



5 CSR 30-261.045 Pupil Transportation in Vehicles Other Than School Buses (Continued)

- Authorized common carriers shall only be used to transport students to and from field trips or other special trips for educational purposes and shall not be used to transport students to and from school. Authorized common carriers, as used in this rule, are over-the-road intercity-type coaches equipped with reclining seats, air conditioning and restroom facilities, and holding authority from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Motor Carrier and Railroad Safety, or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- There shall be a written contract between the district and individual or firm providing the vehicle.
- All contracts with authorized common carriers shall include:
 - ❑ 1. Proof of liability insurance in the amount of five (5) million dollars per accident; and
 - ❑ 2. Proof of safety inspection and compliance with applicable federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- The driver of an authorized common carrier shall hold a valid Missouri commercial driver's license or a similar license valid in any other state and shall comply with all applicable driver qualifications of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Who must have a School Bus (S) Endorsement?



- State statutes require drivers of any vehicle (including a personal vehicle) who are being compensated for transporting students to/from ANY school event/program to have an “S” endorsement on their license.
- District employees (i.e., teachers, coaches, administrators, secretaries, school nurses, janitors, etc.) who transport students, as an “incident” to employment (i.e., student illness, one-time trip, etc.), are required only to have a valid Class F operator’s license (does not include a large school bus).
- District employees who are hired knowing they will be transporting school children as part of their job (i.e., regularly scheduled field trips, school sponsored activities, etc.) must have a Class E (for hire) license with a school bus (S) endorsement. Vehicles must weigh less than 26,001 lbs. and be capable of transporting 15 or less including the driver.
- In addition, parents or individuals who enter into a contract with the district to transport students in a district owned/district leased vehicle and who are paid a lump sum amount, an hourly wage, or more than the AAA cost per mile must have a Class E license with an S endorsement. These parents or individuals must agree to provide transportation in a safe, inspected, insured, licensed vehicle.
- Note: Any vehicle that is capable of transporting 11 or more including the driver must be a yellow school bus that complies with Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses.

2019 National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey



- While school buses remain incredibly safe, we all know that students who ride buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus in the “danger zone.”
- April 10, 2019, DESE is requesting that Missouri school districts assist the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a state survey to determine the prevalence of illegal passing of school buses.
- The data will help improve safety countermeasures at the state or national level.



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2018 Missouri Illegal Passing Survey Results



Number of Drivers Completing Survey	AM	Mid- day	PM	Front	Rear	Left Side	Right Side
3,640	392	39	441	535	314	819	23

- 34% of participating drivers experienced an illegal pass
- 849 illegal school bus passes
- Projected for all route buses = 2,484 illegal passes in 1 day

September 2018 Joplin Student Fatality



On September 2018 an 8-year-old girl was catching the bus with the school bus sitting at a T-intersection facing the student's side road on the non-through road. As the girl crossed the through road she looked to the right but not to the left and as she crossed the street she was hit by a tractor-trailer.

April 2018 Poplar Bluff Student Fatality



- 10 year old, 4th grade boy, new to district
- The student was running to catch the bus unbeknownst to the driver and reportedly tripped and fell under the rear wheels, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

2017-18 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey



Total of 6 Fatalities

- ❑ 3 Students Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus
- ❑ 3 Students Killed by School Bus While Unloading – 2 Back of Bus, 1 Front
 - Historically 57% of Students are Killed by Their School Bus, 39% by Other Vehicle, 4% Other
- ❑ 3 Walking/Running to Bus A.M., 1 Unloading and 2 Walking/Running From Bus P.M.
- ❑ Light Conditions: 5-Daylight, 1-Dark
- ❑ Road Conditions: 6-Dry
- ❑ Road Type: 1 County Road, 5-City Street
- ❑ Number-Age of Student: 1-6, 2-8, 1-10, 2-15
- ❑ Gender: 4-Female, 2-Male
- ❑ 3 Fatalities occurred from January-May, 3 Fatalities occurred from October to December

<https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Bus/Surveys/2017-2018-National-School-Bus-Loading-and-Unloading-Survey-Web.pdf>



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