

Statement of Reasons

Chapter 2-Rules for Minimum Standards for Wyoming Student Transportation Vehicles

The Chapter 2 rules were last updated in 2012. Since that time, changes in manufacturing processes and mechanical and technological advances have significantly affected the design, production, and performance of school buses and other student transportation vehicles. The rules are updated to incorporate industry improvements that maintain or further enhance the safety, security, and efficiency of student transportation. The proposed revision of Chapter 2 rules incorporates *National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures* by reference. The remaining revisions to Chapter 2 specify standards for student transportation vehicles that are unique to Wyoming.

These rules were developed in coordination with and vetted by a stakeholder committee comprised of district transportation personnel (i.e., supervisors, technicians, drivers, administrative support personnel) and bus manufacturer representatives.

Chapter 20-Rules for the Student Transportation Component within the Education Resource Block Grant Model

During the 2019 Legislative Session, HEA0125 repealed the moratorium on the purchase of student transportation vehicles. The legislation also required the Wyoming Department of Education to define procedures for and conditions under which school districts may procure student transportation vehicles; establish a mileage and age replacement schedule for student transportation vehicles; and establish a competitive bid process for student transportation vehicle procurement. The proposed revision of Chapter 20 rules incorporates these legislative mandates.

In addition to the changes required by legislative action, the Chapter 20 rules were last updated in 2012, and are being updated to clarify definitions and guidance on expenses that are reimbursable under the Wyoming education funding model.

These rules were developed in coordination with and vetted by a stakeholder committee comprised of district transportation personnel (i.e., supervisors, technicians, drivers, and administrative support personnel), district business managers, and district assistant superintendents.