

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: 2025 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses

Date: April, 2024

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board State Schools United We Learn

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the proposed 2025 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the KBE approve the 2025 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

702 KAR 5:060, Section 2; KRS 156.160; and KRS 156.153

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

The KBE is required to approve the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses in accordance with 702 KAR 5:060, Section 2. The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Division of District Support, with the assistance of transportation partners, annually reviews the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses and revises the specifications when experience, model changes, manufacturing techniques and product improvement indicate that revision and updating is necessary. Attached is a summary of the proposed revisions and a detailed description of the changes.

Summary of Issue:

Staff recommends the KBE approve the 2025 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses. The Pupil Transportation Branch received input from the February 2024 meetings of the Kentucky Specification Committee, which is composed of district personnel and transportation professionals. The revisions provide necessary updates to the specifications.

Budget Impact:

There is no impact on KDE's budget.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES: Pursuant to Kentucky law, the KDE annually reviews and where appropriate revises the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses with input from the Kentucky Association of Pupil Transportation, Student Transportation Association of Kentucky, local school district superintendents, driver trainers, drivers, technicians, and inspectors.

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