

School Bus Inventory Report

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Preliminary School Bus Inventory Report

This report contains the column heading descriptions and definitions for completing SE-4017 (MEIS).

Vehicles

Until the year 2002, there are three types of school vehicles:

School Transportation Vehicle

10 passengers or less, including driver which is not regulated, except to require the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) appropriate to that vehicle

Pupil Transportation Vehicle

11-15 passengers purchased prior to October 1, 1993, which is currently regulated, depending on the nature of use

School Buses

16 passengers or more if purchased before 1993 and 11 passengers or more if purchased after 1993, and which are black and yellow and in compliance with all design and usage regulations appropriate for school buses

At the effective date of the sunset clause of October 1, 2002, schools or transportation contractors for schools will only be able to use two types of vehicles:

1. a "school transportation vehicle" (10 or less passengers), or
2. a "school bus" (11 or more passengers)

Combination Vehicles

For a vehicle to be claimed as a combination vehicle, one of the criteria listed below needs to be in effect:

1. One or more of the vehicles scheduled runs are used exclusively to transport special education students, or
2. 51% of the pupils on any particular run are special education pupils

To ensure compliance with the above definition, review all vehicles with a status code of "C" (combination), "LC" (leased combination) and "KC" (contracted combination vehicles).

District Owned Cars

Continuing for school year 2005-2006, district owned cars used in the transportation of special education students may not be listed on the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory. When these vehicles are appropriately used in the transportation of special education students, a waiver must be requested from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education.

Please note: When entering vehicles in the school bus inventory, all of the fields (except for equipment) must be completed. Failure to complete every field will result in the district receiving an error message and the vehicles will not be recorded on the school bus inventory.

Code = School District Code

This is the permanent identification number assigned to each local school district, intermediate school district or public school academy. This number is generated automatically by MEIS.

Ref# = Reference Number

This is the identification number assigned to each bus by the Michigan Department of Education. This number is generated automatically by MEIS.

Bus# = Bus Number (previously referred to as vehicle #)

This is the number the district has assigned to a specific pupil transportation vehicle.

Chas = Make of Vehicle Chassis

Use the Vehicle Chassis Codes listed to identify the company that manufactured the school bus or vehicle chassis. Review all chassis listed on the SE-4107 Preliminary to ensure the correct manufacturer code is used. If the bus chassis purchased is not listed, enter "Other-99" and notify the Michigan Department of Education so that the chassis type can be added to the database. Please make sure to enter the zero when reporting the chassis codes for Bluebird, Ford, GMC or International chassis.

Vehicle Chassis Codes:

- Bluebird – 01
- Thomas - 14
- Ford – 06
- Freightliner - 15
- GMC – 07
- International – 08
- Other - 99

VIN# = Vehicle Engine Identification Number

Identify the vehicle's engine identification number under this heading.

YOP = Year Vehicle Purchased

Indicate the complete four digits of the year the vehicle was purchased. Do not confuse the year the vehicle was manufactured with the year the vehicle was purchased. This information may be taken from the bill of sale.

YOM = Year Vehicle Manufactured

Indicate the complete four digits of the year the vehicle was manufactured or remanufactured in the case of a rehabilitated vehicle. Do not confuse the model year or the year the vehicle was purchased with the year the vehicle was manufactured. This information may be taken from the vendor's bill of sale or the body plate.

Body = Make of the Vehicle Body

Use the Vehicle Body Codes listed to identify the company that manufactured the vehicle's body. If the bus Vehicle Body Code is not listed, enter "Other-99" and notify the Michigan Department of Education so that the vehicle body type can be added to the database.

Please make sure to enter the zero when reporting vehicle body codes for Bluebird, Carpenter or International bodies.

Vehicle Body Codes:

- Bluebird – 01
- Wayne - 16
- Carpenter – 03
- AmTran - 17
- International (IC) – 08
- Collins - 18
- Thomas – 14
- Mid Bus - 19
- Other – 9

Style = Body Style

C – Conventional Body Style

A "Conventional Body Style" is one with the engine in front of the driver and an outward extending hood. All vans and school buses on a van chassis have a conventional body on a chassis design. All vehicles with a passenger body capacity of 65 or fewer have been identified as a conventional body style.

T – Transit Body Style

A "Transit Body Style" is one with the engine beside the driver, midship or in the rear of the body. Some of the new body styles with less than 66 passengers are of the transit type. If you have such a vehicle(s), please change its body style designation from "C" to "T". All vehicles with a passenger capacity greater than 78 passengers have been given a transit body style designation.

The body style designation is blank for vehicles with passenger capacities between 65 and 78. Please indicate the correct body style, conventional or transit, for those vehicles in your fleet between 65 and 78 passenger capacity.

Fuel = Use the Fuel Codes

Use the Fuel Codes listed to identify what type of fuel the vehicle uses. If the Fuel Code is not listed, enter "Other-99" and notify the Michigan Department of Education so that the fuel type can be added to the database. Please make sure to enter the zero when reporting any fuel codes.

Fuel Codes:

- Diesel – 01
- Gasoline – 02
- Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) – 03
- Compressed Natural Gas (C.G.) – 04
- Other – 99

EQIP = Equipment

Use the Equipment Codes listed to identify special vehicle equipment. If the Equipment Code is not listed, enter "Other-99" and notify the Michigan Department of Education so that the equipment type can be added to the database. Please make sure to enter the zero when reporting any equipment codes.

Equipment Codes:

- Wheelchair Lift – 01
- Roof Hatches – 02
- Air Conditioning – 03
- Any Combination of 01-03 above – 04
- Other – 99

CAP = Pupil Capacity

Identify the manufacturer's rated seating capacity of the vehicle. Do not indicate how many pupils ride the vehicle, but how many it was built to transport.

COST - Cost of the Vehicle

Use the Cost of Bus Worksheet to calculate the amortization for new buses only. Enter the amortization amount in the Cost column. Do not change this amount for existing buses.

STAT = Vehicle Status

Use the Vehicle Status Codes listed to identify the vehicles used. Districts contracting with a private third party provider for exclusive pupil transportation services (black and yellow vehicles only) must identify the vehicles used. These vehicles are to be reported on the district's SE-4107.

Vehicle Status Codes:

(R) Regular: Vehicles that are used daily to transport regular education pupils to and from the school which they attend.

(LR) Leased Regular: Leased vehicles used to provide regular education pupil transportation.

(KR) Contracted Regular: Contracted vehicles used to provide regular education pupil transportation.

(C) Combined Vehicles: Vehicles where, one or more of the vehicles' scheduled runs are used exclusively to transport special education pupils, or where 51% of the pupils transported on any particular run are special education pupils.

(LC) Leased Combined: Leased vehicles used for combined pupil transportation (see combination definition)

(KC) Contracted Combined: Contracted vehicles used for combined pupil transportation (see combination definition).

(S) Spare: Vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for vehicles transporting regular education pupils.

(LS) Leased Spare: Leased vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for leased vehicles transporting regular education pupils.

(KS) Contracted Spare: Contracted vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for contracted vehicles transporting regular education pupils.

(2) Special Education – Section 52: Vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of special education pupils (Section 52) to and from approved special education programs. Vehicles used for transporting both Section 52 and Section 53a special education eligible pupils should also be coded (2).

(L2) Leased Special Education – Section 52: Leased vehicles used exclusively for transporting special education pupils.

(K2) Contracted Special Education – Section 52: Contracted vehicles used exclusively for transporting special education pupils.

(T) Section 52 Spares: Vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for vehicles transporting special education pupils.

(LT) Leased Section 52 Spare: Leased vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for leased vehicles transporting special education pupils.

(KT) Contracted Section 52 Spare: Contracted vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for contracted vehicles transporting special education pupils.

(3) Section 53a Special Education: Vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of special education Section 53a eligible pupils to and from approved special education programs. All of these vehicles require prior Michigan Department of Education approval from the Office of Special Education.

(L3) Leased Section 53a Special Education: Leased vehicles used exclusively for transporting special education Section 53a eligible pupils. All of these vehicles require prior Michigan Department of Education approval from the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services.

(K3) Contracted Section 53a Special Education: Contracted vehicles used exclusively for transporting special education Section 53a eligible pupils. All of these vehicles require prior Michigan Department of Education approval from the Office of Special Education.

(U) Section 53a Spare: Vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for Department approved Section 53a vehicles.

(LU) Leased Section 53a Spare: Leased vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for Department approved leased Section 53a vehicles.

(KU) Contracted Section 53a Spare: Contracted vehicles held in reserve to be used as replacements for Department approved contracted Section 53a vehicles.

(N) Non-Eligible Vehicles: Vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of pupils to and from the school that they attend on routes that are ineligible for state aid payments, or a school bus that is no longer used for the transportation of pupils, but which has not yet been disposed of.

(KN) Contracted Non-Eligible Vehicles: Contract vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of pupils to and from the school that they attend, on routes, which are ineligible for state aid payments, or a school bus that is no longer used for the transportation of pupils, but which has not yet been disposed of.

AT = Amortization Type

Use the Amortization Type Codes listed to identify the Amortization Type for all "added" vehicles. Do not change the type for existing buses.

Amortization Type Codes:

(A) Type I School Bus: All school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds that do not qualify as a Type I Premium Bus. The amortization schedule is 7 years.

(B) Type I Premium School Bus: A school bus with a capacity of over 66 passengers. The amortization schedule is 10 years.

(C) Type II School Bus, Sedan, Station Wagon and Passenger Van: A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. The amortization schedule is 5 years. Note: Sedans, Station Wagons and Passenger Vans are not to be added to the SE-4107 School Bus Inventory.

(D) Rehabilitated School Bus: A school bus that has been rebuilt by an agency approved by the State Board. The amortization schedule is 5 years.

(E) Optional Amortization Schedule: Vehicles that are expected to exceed 100,000 miles within the first four years of operation. Amortization schedule is 4 years.