SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EPC 2026 PASSENGER VANS, PICKUP TRUCKS DUMP TRUCKS & FLAT BED TRUCKS





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## **Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council**

### **2026 Vehicles**

## Passenger Vans, Pickup Trucks, Dump Trucks & Flat Bed Trucks

Company	American Bus	<b>Beau Townsend Ford</b>	В	SI		Hill International Trucks	<b>Myers Equipment Corp</b>	<b>Tim Short Ford of Morehead</b>
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Bid Reference #	2026 EPC/OMERESA	2026EPC	20	026 EPC/OMERESA		2026 EPC/OMERESA	2026 EPC/OMERESA	2026 EPC/OMERESA
	VANS ONLY	TRUCKS & VANS	V	ANS ONLY		TRUCKS ONLY	STOCK VANS ONLY	TRUCKS & VANS

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EPC/OME-RESA - Cooperative Vehicle Purchasing Program																				
2025 Trucks - Pick Up, Dump & Flat Bed	Beau To	ownsend	Beau To	wnsend	Beau Towns	send	Beau Tow	nsend	Hill	Int'l	Hill	nt'l	Hill	Int'l	Hill	Int'l	Tir	n Short	Tim	Short
Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts.	3/4 To	n Truck	1 Ton	Truck	Dump Tru	ıck	Flat Bed	Truck	3/4 To	n Truck	1 Ton	Truck	Dump	Truck	Flat Be	d Truck	3/41	Ton Truck	1 Tor	n Truck
MAKE	FC	ORD	FC	RD	FORD		FORI	D	Fo	ord	Fo	rd	Fo	ord	Fo	rd	ı	FORD		
MODEL	F-3	250	F-3	350	F-350-F-5	50	F250-F	550	F-3	250	F-3	50					F250 R	EG CAB 4X4	F	350
MODEL YEAR	20	026	20	)26	2026		2026	6		026	20	26	20	026	20			2026		026
BASE PRICE		,500		,500	\$70,000	)	\$52,2	50	\$42	\$42,741		981	\$61	,394	\$57,	124		42,962		4,147
Overall Vehicle Length Bumper to Bumper (Inches)		32"		32"						l.5 in	225.							237.2		37.2
Overall Vehicle Width Including Mirrors (Inches)		x. 104"		x. 104"						5 in	96							" INCHES		INCHES
Overall Vehicle Width Excluding Mirrors (Inches)		0"		0"	Base Price o	-	Base Price			.9 in	79.9		Base Price	e only, see	Base Price	only, see		INCHES		NCHES
GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)		00 LB		00 LB	see Dealer		see Deal		•	00 lbs	11,50			or details	Dealer fo	• •		000 LBS		0900
Loadfloor Height at Curb Weight (Inches)		8"		8"	details		detai	IS		.5 in	34.5							37.2		7.2
Wheelbase (Inches)	_	42"		12"						2 in	142							" INCHES		INCHES
Delivery Days	VARIES, A	PPROX 180	VARIES, A	PPROX 180					90-	-120	90-2	120						90 DAYS		90 DAYS
Standard Paint Colors:					n, Yelllow, Gra								hite				Black, A	rgon Blue, Carb White, R		, Avaance,
the l		Pricing l	below is IN	ADDITION t	to Base Price.	. Pleas	se Indicate	STD if it	tem is Star	idard and in	cluded in al	ove price.								
Line TRUCK -Description	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes
Powertrain:																				
1 Engine Type (Liter/ Cylinder)	STD	6.8L V8	STD	6.8L						6.8L/ V8	6.8L/V8							6.8L V8		6.8L
2 Diesel Option	\$10,500	6.7L	\$10,500	6.7L					\$12,995		\$12,995						\$10,495		\$10,490	
3 Horsepower (Net HP) 4 Transmission	STD STD	405 HP 455 FT LB	STD STD	405 HP 455 FT LB		$\leftarrow$				405 HP 10 speed	405 HP 10 speed							405 HP Notes		405 HP Notes
5 Locking Differential	\$430	3.73 LS	\$430	3.73 LS		$\overline{}$				Notes	10 speed	Notes				$\overline{}$	\$430	Notes	\$430	Notes
6 Alternator (amps)	STD	160 AMP	STD	160 AMP						160 amp		160 amp					ψ.00	170 AMP	ψ.00	170 AMP
7 Battery (CCA)	STD	750 CCA	STD	750 CCA						750 CCA		750 CCA						750 CCA		750 CCA
8 Cooling System	STD	STD	STD	STD						Notes		Notes						Water		Water
9 Alternative Fuel (type) 10 Drivetrain	NA STD	NA 10 SPD	NA STD	NA 10 SPD		$\leftarrow$		+		NA Yes		NA Yes						Unleaded 4X4		Unleaded 4X4
Exterior:	310	10.3PD	310	10.3PD						res		162						4/4		4/4
11 Body Side Moldings	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						None		None
12 Rear Door Type	NA	NA	NA	NA						NA		NA						None		None
13 Bed Length (ft)	8'	8'	8'	8'						8 FT		8 FT						8' Ft		8' Ft
14 Rear Step Bumper	STD	STD	STD	STD		$\leftarrow$		+		STD		STD						Included		Included
15 Tires 16 Spare Tires	STD STD	All Season Full Size	STD	All Season Full Size		$\overline{}$				Notes STD		17in A/S STD						Notes Included		Notes Included
Safety:	310	1 411 3120	310	1 411 3120						310		310					<u> </u>	meiaaca		included
17 Restraint Sytem (Driver & Passenger)	STD	STD	STD	STD						Std		Std						Yes		Yes
18 Supplement Restraint System (Driver & Passenger)	STD	STD	STD	STD						Std		Std						Yes		Yes
19 Power Antilock Brakes (Front & Rear)	STD	STD	STD	STD						Std		Std						Yes		Yes
Seating:				1 -				<del></del>												
20 Seating Capacity 21 Front Seat Type	STD STD	3 Bench	STD STD	Bench		$\leftarrow$				3 Seats Split Bench		3 Seats Split Bench						40/20/40		3 40/20/40
22 Seat Covering	STD	Vinyl	STD	Vinyl		$\overline{}$				Cloth		Cloth				$\overline{}$		Vinyl		Vinyl
23 Floor Covering	STD	Vinyl	STD	Vinyl						Carpet		Carpet						Vinyl		Vinyl
Dimensions:																				
24 Wheelbase (in)	STD	142	STD	142						142 in		142 in						142' INCHES		142
25 Fuel Capacity (Gal)	STD	34 GAL	STD	34 GAL		<		+		34 gal		34 gal						34 GAL		34 GAS
26 Headroom (Front) (In.) 27 Leg Room (Front (In.)	STD STD	40" 44"	STD STD	40" 44"		$\leftarrow$				40.8 in 43.9 in		40.8 in 43.9 in				$-\!$		40.8" 43.9"		40.8 43.9
28 Hip Room (Front (In.)	STD	62"	STD	62"		$\overline{}$				62.5 in		62.5 in						62.5"		62.5
29 Shoulder Room (Front) (In.)	STD	66"	STD	66"						66.7 in		66.7 in						66.7"		66.7
30 Cargo Volume (Cu Ft)	STD	78 CU FT	STD	78 CU FT						10.9 in		10.9 in						65.4		65.S
31 Payload (lbs)	STD	3,814 LB	STD	4,529 LB						4000 lbs		5000 lbs						4246		6556
32 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) (Lbs)  Accessories:	STD	10,000 LB	STD	10,900 LB						10000 lbs		11,500 lbs						10,500		10900
33 Air Conditioning	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
34 Tilt Wheel & Cruise Control	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
35 Power Windows & Door Locks	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
36 Keyed Door Locks	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
37 2 Set of Keys w/ FOB Enabling Electronic Keyless Entry	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
38 Intermittent Windshield Wipers	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes

025 Trucks - Pick Up, Dump & Flat Bed		Beau Townsend		Beau Townsend		Beau Townsend		Beau Townsend		d Hill Int'l		Int'l	Hill	Int'l	Hill	Int'l	Tin	n Short	Tim	Short
Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts.	3/4 To	3/4 Ton Truck		1 Ton Truck		ruck	Flat Bed	Truck	3/4 To	n Truck	1 Ton	Truck	Dump	Truck	Flat Be	d Truck	3/4 T	on Truck	1 Tor	n Truck
MAK	E F	FORD		FORD		)	FORE	)	F	ord	Fo	ord	Fo	ord	Fo	ord	F	ORD		
MODE	L F	F-250		F-350		550	F250-F	550	F-	250	F-S	350					F250 RI	G CAB 4X4	F:	350
MODEL YEA	R 2	2026	20	)26	2026		2026	5	2	026	20	026	20	126	20	26	2	2026	20	026
39 Radio	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
40 Exterior Rear View Mirror	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
41 Cargo Dome Light	STD	STD	STD	STD						STD		STD						Yes		Yes
Warranty: 42 Rust Proofing	¢200	LEVOLUTION	¢200	Fuglistian					Ć1 F00		\$1,500						ĆOZE	Aftermarket	\$825	Aftermarket
43 Manufacturer Standard	\$300 STD	EVOLUTION 3YR/36K	\$300 STD	Evolution 3YR/36K		$\overline{}$			\$1,500	Notes	r / unlimited	l miles					\$825	Std	\$825	Std
Optional Equipment Items:	315	311,301	315	311,301						110103	/ drillinited	Times						314		Sta
44 45-Day Tags	\$35	TTT	\$35	TTT					\$20		\$20							Yes		Yes
45 Parts Manual(s)	\$350	Helm	\$350	Helm						Digital STD		Digital STD					\$550		\$550	Yes
46 Service Manual(s)	Included	w/above	Included	w/above						Digital STD		Digital STD					\$725		\$725	
47 Additional Set of Keys w/FOB for keyless entry	\$350	Key	\$350	Key		$\angle$			\$350		\$350						\$375		\$375	
48 Seat Belt Extender	NA Ć100	NA	NA Ć4.00	NA		-			\$20		\$20						\$370		\$370	
49 Cloth Seat Covering 50 Bed Liner: Plastic	\$100 \$500	Cloth Plastic	\$100 \$500	Cloth Plastic		-			STD \$346		\$346						\$175 \$425		\$175 \$425	
51 Tow Hitch/7-Pin Receptacle/Brake Controller	\$350	52B BCI	\$350	52B BCI		$\overline{}$			\$346 STD		\$346 STD						\$425		\$425	
52 7-Pin Trailer Rec Wiring	STD	STD	STD	STD					STD		STD						Ţ3 <del>Ţ</del> 3	Std	<del>7545</del>	Std
53 All-Terrain Tires	\$165	TBM	\$165	TBM					STD		STD						\$289		\$289	
54 Trailer Tow Mirrors	STD	STD	STD	STD					\$255		\$255		$\setminus$					N/A		N/A
55 Backup Alarm	\$250	76C	\$250	76C					\$210		\$210							N/A		N/A
56 Factory Spray in Bedliner	\$650	85S	\$650	85\$		<			\$569		\$569						\$650	21/2	\$650	21/2
57 AM Passport CK3100 Bluetooth	STD	STD	STD	STD		$/\!\!\!/$			STD		STD						6250	N/A	6250	N/A
58 Step Rails/Running Boards 59 Snow Plow Package for SRW	\$350 \$800	18B 67B,86M	\$350 \$800	18B 67B,86M		$\overline{}$			\$291 \$319		\$291 \$319						\$350 \$350		\$350 \$350	
60 Heated Mirrors	STD	STD	STD	STD					STD		\$519 STD						\$550	N/A	\$55U	N/A
61 Tow/Haul Mode w/Trailering Wiring Provisions	STD	STD	STD	STD		$\overline{}$			STD		STD							N/A		N/A
62 Trailer Brake Controller	\$350	52B BCI	\$350	52B BCI					\$273		\$273						\$349	14/74	\$349	,,,
63 Bluetooth Capability	STD	STD	STD	STD					STD		STD							Yes		Yes
64 Daytime Running Lights	STD	STD	STD	STD					STD		STD							N/A		N/A
65 Front WeatherTech Floor Liners	\$150	WT Front	\$150	WT Front		$\angle$			\$164		\$164						\$210		\$210	
66 School Decals/Graphics	\$500	Vinyl	\$500	Vinyl		<			\$800		\$800						\$450	C: I	\$450	G. I
67 Vinyl Floor Covering	STD NA	STD NA	STD NA	STD NA		$/\!\!\!/$			\$104 STD		\$104 STD							Std N/A		Std N/A
68 Cloth Floor Covering 69 Vinyl Seat Covering	STD	STD	STD	STD		$\overline{}$			\$323		\$323							Std		Std
70 Cloth Seat Covering	\$100	Cloth	\$100	Cloth		$\overline{}$			STD		STD						\$150	Stu	\$150	310
OTHER	<b>¥200</b>	0.00	<b>V</b> 200	0.04.1					0.12		0.2						<b>4250</b>		<b>V</b> 200	
73 CHROME PACKAGE	\$425	96V	\$425	96V																
74 PICK UP BOX DELETE	-\$625	66D	-\$625	66D																
75 FOG LAMPS	Included	w/96v	Included	w/ 96v			$\setminus$						$\setminus$							
76 LED BOX LIGHTING	\$160	66L	\$160	66L		$\angle$														
77 ON-BOARD SMART SCALE	\$650	91D	\$650	91D		<														
78 INTERIOR WORK SURFACE 79 120V / 400W OUTLET	\$140 \$575	52S 43C/66S	\$140 \$575	52S 43C / 66S																
80 PRO POWER ONBOARD 2KW	\$575 \$1,195	43C/66S 43K / 86M	\$575 \$1,196	43C / 66S 43K / 86M																
81 REMOTE START	\$1,195	76S	\$1,196	76S																
82 UPFITTER SWITCHES	\$250	66S	\$250	66S																
83 FRONT / REAR SPLASH GUARDS	\$130	615 / 625	\$130	615 / 625																
84 TAILGATE STEP	\$375	85G	\$375	85G		/	_							/						
85 WHEEL WELL LINERS FRONT AND REAR	\$325	61N	\$325	61N																
72 *****N/A MEANS NOT AVAILABLE AS A OPTION OR STANDARD EQUIPMENT*																		1.7		
74 Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts 75 MAKE	•																FORD	1 Ton Truck		
76 MODEL																	F350	Dual Wheel		
77 Wheelbase (Inches)																	. 550	145"		
79 BASE PRICE 4X2, DUAL WHEEL																	\$48,891			
81 Standard Paint Colors: BLACK, BLUE, AVALANCHE, GRAY, WHITE, RED																				
83 POWERTRIAN 4x4																	\$3,658			
84 Engine Type (Liter/ Cylinder)																		7.3L V8		
85 Diesel Option						/											\$10,609	007.117		
86 Horsepower (Net HP)																		325 HO		
87 Transmission 88 Locking Differential																	\$450	10 SPD AUTO		
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2025 Trucks - Pick Up, Dump & Flat Bed	Beau Townsend	Beau Townsend	Beau Townsend	Beau Townsend	Hill Int'l	Hill Int'l	Hill Int'l	Hill Int'l	Tim Short	Tim Short
Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts	3/4 Ton Truck	1 Ton Truck	Dump Truck	Flat Bed Truck	3/4 Ton Truck	1 Ton Truck	Dump Truck	Flat Bed Truck	3/4 Ton Truck	1 Ton Truck
MA	KE FORD	FORD	FORD	FORD	Ford	Ford	Ford	Ford	FORD	
MOI	EL F-250	F-350	F-350-F-550	F250-F550	F-250	F-350			F250 REG CAB 4X4	F350
MODEL YE		2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026
89 Alternator (amps)		1			1	1			190 AMO	1
90 Battery (CCA)									750 CCA	
91 Drivetrain									4X2	
93 Exterior									4//2	
94 Tires									Notes	
95 Spare Tires									\$390	
98 Seating Capacity									3 PASS	
99 Front Seat Type									40/20/40	
100 Seat Covering									Vinyl	
101 Floor Covering									Vinyl	
104 Wheelbase (in)									145	
105 Fuel Capacity (Gal)									40 GAL	
107 Air Conditioning									Yes	
107 Tilt Wheel & Cruise Control									Yes	
108 Power Windows & Door Locks									Yes	
109 Radio									AMFM	
110 Exterior Rear View Mirror									Yes	
111 Parts Manual(s)									\$550	
112 Service Manual(s)									\$825	
113 Additional Set of Keys w/FOB for keyless entry									\$320	
114 All-Terrain Tires									\$325	
115 Trailer Tow Mirrors									N/A	
116 Backup Alarm									N/A	
117 Step Rails/Running Boards									\$405	
118 Snow Plow Package									\$389	
119 Trailer Brake Controller									\$389	
120 Bluetooth Capability									YES	
121 Daytime Running Lights									N/A	
122 School Decals/Graphics									\$450	
123 Vinyl Floor Covering									Std	
124 Vinyl Seat Covering									Std	
125 Cloth Seat Covering									\$150	
126 DUMP BED (ELECT OVER HYRD) 9 FOOT BED, HITCH & PLUG									\$14,595	
127 FLAT BED (9' FOOT FLAT) BULKHEAD									\$7,295	

EPC/OME-RESA - Cooperative Vehicle Purchasing Program																							
2025 - Passenger Vans	Amei	rican Bus	Amei	rican Bus	Beau T	Townsend	В	SI	В	SI	B	SI	В	SI	В	SI	В	SI	BS	SI	Myers	Tim	Short
Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts.	(8 + Dri	iver) 9 Pass	(9 + Driv	er) 10 Pass	11 Passer	nger + Driver	9 Pass	+ Driver	10 Pass	+ Driver	12 Pass	+ Driver	9 Passenge	er + Driver	9 Passeng	er + Driver	10 Passeng	ger + Driver	12 Passenge	er + Driver	9 + Driver	11 Passen	nger + Driver
MAKE	-	Ford	-	Ford	F	ord	Ford	- Gas	Ford	- Gas	Ford	- Gas	Ford - I	Electric	Do	dge	Doe	dge	Dod	lge	Fort Transit	F	ord
MODEL	Trar	nsit X2Y	Tran	nsit X2Y	Tr	ansit	Т3	350	Т3	50	Т3	50	Т3	50	Promas	ter 2500	Promast	ter 2500	Promasto	er 2500	Multiple		T150 LOW OOF
MODEL YEAR		2026		2026		.026		)26	20		20		20		20		20		202		2024-2026	2	.026
Overall Vehicle Length Bumper to Bumper (Inches)		37.6"		0,199 37.6"		6,500 238"	\$68 231	,571 7 5"	\$69, 237		\$72, 237		\$91, 237		\$79 236		\$81,		\$84,2 236		\$75,000 - \$95,000 Stock Units		3,302 37.6"
Overall Vehicle Width Including Mirrors (Inches)		97.4"		7.4"		OX. 104"		.4"	97		97.		97		97		97.		97.4		Stock Offics		7.4"
Overall Vehicle Width Excluding Mirrors (Inches)		31.3"		1.3"		82"	81	-	81		81.		81	_	80		80.		80.3				9.5"
GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) Loadfloor Height at Curb Weight (Inches)		400# rox 28"		400# ox 28"		00 LB 29"	28.8"	500 / 56.9"	95 28.8" /		95 28.8" /		95 28.8"		89 21"		89 21" /		890 21" /				250 28.8
Wheelbase (Inches)	1	148"		148"		148"		18"	14	-	14		14		15		15		159	9"			55.7"
Delivery Days	Approx 1	20 -180 Days	Approx 1	20 -180 Days		e, Gray, Silver,	1 to	90	1 to	90	1 to	90	1 to	90	1 to	90	1 to	90	1 to	90			70 DAYS nite, Race Red,
Standard Paint Colors	White (	(See Below for c	ost of differ	ent Colors)		, Green, Yellow				Oxford	l White						Bright	White				School Bus G	s Yellow, Wild ireen
Line						ADDITION to													1				1
No. VAN - Description MECHANICAL	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost	Notes	Addl Cost Notes	Addl Cost	Notes
1 Air bags driver, right front passenger, side curtain rear passengers	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
2 Alternator Amps 3 Axle Ratio		250 3'73 NON-LS		250 3'73 NON-LS	Std Std	250 amp 3.73		250 3.73		250 3.73		250 3.73				220 4.08		220 4.08		220 4.08			250 AMPS 3.73
4 Battery AH (amp hours)		70		70	Std	70 amphr		70 amp		70 amp		70 amp				100 amp		100 amp		100 amp		- 1	Info
5 Brakes 4-wheel Antilock Braking System-Wheel Disc 6 Estimated City/Highway/Combined MPG	Std	No Rating	Std	No Rating	Std Std	Std NA		Std 15 -20mpg		Std 15-20mpg		Std 15-20 mpg		Std 80-120 Miles		Std 15-20 mpg		Std 15-20 mpg	7	Std 15-20 mpg		Combined	Std 17MPG
7 Defogger Front & Side Winidows	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Info
8 Defogger Rear Window	Std	2 51 050	Std	2 51 050	Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
9 Engine 10 Engine Size		3.5L PFDi V6		3.5L PFDi V6	\$td \$2,800	3.5L NA 3.5 ECO		3.5L PDI V6		3.5L PDI V6		3.5L PDI V6		Electric		3.6L PDI V6		3.6L PDI V6		3.6L PDI V6			V6 3.5L
11 Engine Block Heater	\$269		\$269		\$75	41H		Std		Std		Std			\$245		\$245		\$245			\$75	
12 All-Wheel Drive 13 Fuel Type	\$4,990	Unleaded	\$4,990	Unleaded	\$2,100 Std	X9Y Gas	\$4,756	Gas	\$4,756	Gas	\$4,756	Gas		Electric		N/A Gas		N/A Gas		N/A Gas		\$3,791	Info Unleaded
14 Fuel Tank Capacity, Gallons		25		25	\$285	31 Gal Ext		31		31		31		31		24		24		24			25 GAL
15 Heavy Duth Rear Differntial	N/A		N/A		\$325	3.73 LS		N/A		N/A		N/A				N/A		N/A		N/A			Std, 6000 lbs
16 Horsepower 17 Power Steering	Std	275	Std	275	Std Std	275 HP Std		275 Std		275 Std		275 Std		266 Std		276 Std		276 Std		276 Std			275 HP Std
18 Tilt Wheel with Cruise Control	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
19 Torque		260@4,000		260@4,000	Std	S260 FT LB		260		260		260		317		250		250		250			260 FT lbs
20 Transmission EXTERIOR		10-Speed		10-Speed	Std	10 Speed	<u> </u>	10 Speed		10 Speed		10 Speed	1 Spee	d Direct Drive		9 Speed		9 Speed		9 Speed			Auto, 10 spd
21 All Season Tires	Std		Std		Std	Std	Std	195/75/R160	Std	195/75/R160	Std	195/75/R160	Std	195/75/R160	Std	195/75/R160	Std	195/75/R160	C Std	195/75/R160			Std
22 Aluminimum or Steel Wheels	0:1	Steel	0.1	Steel	Std	Steel		Steel	0: 1	Steel	6: 1	Steel	0:1	Steel		Steel		Steel		Steel			Steel
23 Back-Up Sensors 24 Body Undercoating	\$600	OEM Std	\$600	OEM Std	Std Std	Std Std	\$950	Std	\$950		\$150 \$950		Std		\$950	Std	\$950	Std	\$950	Std			Std Std
25 Bumpers, Front & Rear, Black	Std	oz.iii ota	Std	Std	Std	Std	Ų350	Std	Ų330	Std	<b>\$330</b>	Std		Std	ψSSC	Std	ψυσο	Std	ψοσο	Std			Std
26 Bumpers, Front & Rear, Chrome	N/A		N/A		NA	NA	4474	N/A	4474	N/A	4474	N/A	4474		0.1	N/A	0.1	N/A	0.1	N/A			NA
27 Full Size Spare Tire 28 LED Lights. Marker. Brake, Tail. Rear Turn Signal	Std N/A		Std N/A	N/A	Std NA	Std NA	\$174	195/75/R16 Std	\$174	195/75/R160 Std	\$174	195/75/R160 Std	\$174	195/75/R160 Std	Std	195/75/R160 Std	Std	195/75/R16 Std	Std Std	195/75/R160 Std	Ç		Std NA
29 Mud Flaps, Front	\$300		\$300	1471	NA	NA	\$285	AM	\$285	AM	\$285	510	\$285	AM	\$285	AM	\$285	AM	\$285	510			NA
30 Mud Flaps, Rear	\$300		\$300		NA	NA 025	\$395	AM	\$395	AM	\$395	D.1	\$395	AM	\$395	AM	\$395	AM	\$395	B.1		6405	NA D: T:
31 Passenger & Rear Glass, Tinted 32 Rear Backk-Up Camera	\$805 Std		\$805 Std		\$500 Std	92E Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std	\$956	Std		\$495	Priv Tint Std
33 Remote Keyeless Entry	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
34 Rooftop Sign Marked "School Transportation" 35 School District Name Clearly Marked on Sides of Vehicle		Call Quote		Call Quote	NA \$500	NA Vinyl	\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525		\$425 \$525			\$395 \$425	Starting at
36 Solid Exterior Paint (Other than Standard White)	\$350	Call Quote	\$350	Call Quote	Std	Std	\$575	See Note	\$575	See Note	\$575	See Note	\$575	See Note	\$575	See Note	\$575	See Note		See Note		3425	Std
37 Sliding Passenger Side Door	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
38 Bi-Fold/Dual Leaf Electrically Operated Passenger Side Door 39 Tire Size	N/A	235/65R16C	N/A	235/65R16C	NA Std	NA 235/65/16	\$10,235	195/75/R160	\$10,235	195/75/R16	\$10,235	195/75/R160		195/75/R16	\$10,235 Std	195/75/R160	\$10,235 Std	195/75/R16	\$10,235 Std	195/75/R160			NA 235/65R 160
40 White Reflective Tape Outlining Rear Door	\$988	20070011200	\$988	255/0511200	\$250	Vinyl	\$695		\$695	23377371120	\$695	133)73/11200	\$695	233,73,1120	\$795	233773711201	\$795	255/75/1120	\$795	255/75/1120		\$225	253/0311200
41 6" X 16" Interior Rear View Mirror	N/A		N/A		Std	Std	I	N/A		N/A	1	N/A		N/A	1	N/A		N/A		N/A		1	NA
42 Air Conditioning, Front	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
43 Air Conditioning, Rear  44 All Seats to Have 3-Point Shoulder Harness	Std Std		Std Std		Std Std	Std Std		Std Std		Std Std		Std Std		Std Std		Std Std		Std Std		Std Std			Std Std
45 AM/FM Radio with Four Speakers	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
46 Carto Capacity Behind Third Row, Pelase Specify Cubic Feet		Varies			Std	70 CU FT	93.9 cu ft		93.9 cu ft		93.9 cu ft				93.9 cu ft		93.9 cu ft		93.9 cu ft				124.5 CU FT
47 Aisle Width 48 Complete Insualtion 1-1 1/2" Thick, Including Bows		10" Ford OEM		10" Ford OEM	NA NA	Narrow NA	13"-15"	N/A Std	13"-15"	N/A Std	13"-15"	N/A Std			13"-15"	N/A Std	13"-15"	N/A Std	13"-15"	N/A Std			13" IN NA
49 Cross-Over Mirrors	\$1,621	Ea Ea	\$1,621	Ea Ea	\$400	X-Mirror	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each	\$1,574	Each			NA NA
50 Driver Power Seat	\$3,805	XLT Trim	\$3,805	XLT Trim	NA	NA	\$3,615		\$3,615		\$3,615				\$857		\$857		\$857				NA
51 Front Bucket Seats with Cloth Trim 52 Front Bucket Seats with Vinyl Trim	1 Std		1 Std		\$100 Std	Cloth Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std			Std Std
53 Glove Compartment, Right Side	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
54 Grey Anti-Slip Floor Covering	Std		Std		NA	Vinyl		Std		Std		Std				Std		Std		Std			NA
55 Integrated Toddler Seats	730 Std		\$730 Std		NA Std	NA Std	\$2,675	1/Seat Std	\$2,675		\$2,675	1/seat Std	\$3,267	1 Per Seat Std	\$2,675	1 Per Seat Std	\$2,675	1 Per Seat Std	\$2,675	1 Per Seat Std			NA Std
56 Interior Dome Lights 57 Interior Height at Center Line	Std	52.8"	Std	52.8"	Std	Std 52"		65.2"		Std 65.2"		65.2"		65.2"		65.2"		65.2"		65.2"			52.8 in
Ohio Safety Equipment, including a fire extinguiser, First-Aid Kit, Body Fluid Cleanup	\$420		\$420		\$500	Rose	\$845	Std	\$845	Std	\$845	Std	\$845	Std	\$845	Std	\$845	Std	\$845	Std			NA NA
Kid, Spare Tires, Spare Fuses & Emergency Reflectors.	Ç420		Ç-120		<b>\$300</b>	I NOSE	Ģ0-13	3.0	- <del> </del>	Jiu	Ç043	3.0	- <del> </del>	Ju	Ģ043	Stu	Ş043	Jia	Ģ043	Jiu			IVA

2025 - Passenger Vans	Amo	rican Bus	Amo	rican Bus	Popu 1	Townsend		ISI		3SI		BSI		SI	В	CI .		BSI	В	sı <b>İ</b>	Myers	1	Tim Short
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Base Price should include Government Price Concession & any other discounts.	,	iver) 9 Pass	`	ver) 10 Pass		nger + Driver		+ Driver		s + Driver		+ Driver	9 Passeng		9 Passenge			ger + Driver	12 Passeng		9 + Driver		
MAKE		Ford		Ford	·	Ford	Ford	- Gas	Ford	l - Gas	Ford	l - Gas	Ford -	Electric	Doc	dge	Do	odge	Do	dge	Fort Transi		Ford
MODEL	Tra	nsit X2Y	Trai	nsit X2Y	Tr	ransit	T3	350	T	350	TS	350	Т3	150	Promast	ter 2500	Promas	ster 2500	Promas	er 2500	Multiple	IKAI	NSIT T150 LOW ROOF
MODEL YEAR	:	2026	:	2026		2026	20	026	20	026	20	026	20	26	20		20	026	20		2024-2026		2026
59 Passenger Seat Width 60 Plywood Floors 5/8 Inches Thick	Std	16"	Std	16"	Std NA	Approx 16" NA		17" Std		17" Std		17" Std		17"		17" Std		17" Std		17" Std			21" In NA
61 Power Windows	Std		Std		Std	Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			Std
62 Q-Straint Wheelchair Restraint	See Below		See below		NA	NA	\$1,975	Auto Retract	\$1,975	Auto Retract	\$1,975	Auto Retract	\$1,975	Auto Retrac	\$1,975	Auto Retrac	\$1,975	Auto Retrac	\$1,975	Auto Retract			NA
63 Rear Seats with Cloth Material 64 Rear Seats with Vinyl Material	1 Std		Std		\$100 Std	Cloth Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std		N/A Std			Std Std
65 Rear Door Buzzer	\$225		\$225		Std	Dash Alert	\$475	Sta	\$475	510	\$475	5.0	\$475	ota	\$475	Stu	\$475	Stu	\$475	Sta			NA
66 Rear Cabin Area Heater Upgrade - Increases BTU Rating to 32,000	N/A		N/A		NA NA	NA NA	\$4,995	Heat & A/C	\$4,995	Heat & A/C	\$4,995	Heat & A/C			\$6,995	Heat & A/C	\$6,995	Heat & A/C	\$6,995	Heat & A/C			NA
67 Thermoplastic Sealed Floor HANDICAPPED BODY OPTIONS	N/A		N/A		NA	NA		N/A		N/A		N/A				N/A		N/A		N/A			_
68 Braun Lift. State model		NCL919		NCL919	Call	Varies	\$14,998	800#	\$14,998	800#	\$14,998	800#	\$8,524	800#	\$14,998	800#	\$14,998	800#	\$14,998	800#		No B	-
69 Braun Lift 1000lb capacity. State model 70 Ricon Lift. State mode	\$1,335 N/A	NCL1000	\$1,335 N/A	NCL1000	Call Call	Varies Varies	\$16,903	1000# N/A	\$16,903	1000# N/A	\$16,903	1000# N/A	\$10,429	1000#	\$15,903	1000# N/A	\$15,903	1000# N/A	\$15,903	1000# N/A		No B	
71 Ricon Lift 1000lb capacity. State model	N/A		N/A		Call	Varies		N/A		N/A		N/A				N/A		N/A		N/A		No B	
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS	21/2						44.040		41.010	I	44.040				44.040	_	44.040		44.040				1
72 Rear storage shelves, two. Vendor state size->: 73 Trailler towing hitch, Class III	N/A \$942		N/A \$942		NA \$890	NA BCI / H&P	\$1,210 \$945	24"x36"x48"	\$1,210	24"x 36"x48"	\$1,210 \$945	24"x 36"x 48"			\$1,210 \$945		\$1,210 \$945		\$1,210 \$945			\$89	NA Notes
74 Aluminum roof and side panels	N/A		N/A		NA	NA		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std		Std			NA
75 Medium Height Roof. Vendor state height->: 76 High Roof version of model presented, Increased Headroom 74+ inches	\$3,442 N/A	109"	\$3,442 N/A	109"	\$1,500 NA	X2C NA	\$3,294 \$4,356	72" 74+"	\$3,294 \$4,356	72" 74+"	\$4,839 \$4,356	72" 74+"										\$2,87	
76 High Root version of model presented, increased Headroom 74+ inches 77 Marine-Grade plywood floor	\$900		\$900		NA NA	NA NA	\$4,356	/4+	\$4,356	74+	\$4,356	74+			\$750		\$750		\$750			\$0,98	NA NA
78 Heated mirrors	\$1,301	360 Assist	\$1,301	360 Assist	Std	Std	\$740		\$740		\$740		\$ 740.00		\$745		\$745		\$745			\$1,10	
79 Heated/Remote mirrors 80 Driver's Side Heavy Duty Aluminum Running Board	\$1,301 \$515	360 Assist	\$1,301 \$515	360 Assist	\$1,100 NA	Pwr/Heat NA	\$795	See Line 78	\$795	See Line 78	\$795	See Line 78	\$ 740.00 \$ 795.00	See Above	\$795	See Line 78	\$795	See Line 78	\$795	See Line 78		\$1,10	
WARRANTIES	<b>7313</b>		<del>-</del>		IVA	INA	Ş733		Ş733		\$133		\$ 755.00		Ş733		Ş133	-	¥133			<b>,</b> ,555.	-
81 Bumper-To-Bumper Limited Warranty		See Attached		See Attached	Std	3YR/36K		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000			Std
82 Corrosion Warranty 83 Powertrain/Drivetrain Limited Warranty		See Attached See Attached		See Attached See Attached	Std Std	5YR/Unlim 5YR/100K		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000		5 Year 5yr/60000			Std Std
84 Roadside Assistance & Courtesey Transportation		See Attached		See Attached	Std	5YR/60K		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000		3yr/36000			Std
85 Is Extended Vehicle Warranty Available for Purchase on Each Van?		Yes/Ford		Yes/Ford	Yes	Ask	Call	Yes	Call	Yes	Call	Yes	Call	Yes	Call	Yes	Call	Yes	Call	Yes			Yes
86   If available, Does Exended Warranty Cover Body? 87   If available, Does Exended Warranty Cover Chassis?		No Yes/Ford		No Yes/Ford	No Yes	NO Yes	\$3,132 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,132 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,132 \$4.175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,131 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,131.25 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,131.25 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000	\$3,131.25 \$4,175	3yr/36000 5Yr/100,000			No No
88 If available, is Extended Warranty provided through Manufacturer?		Yes/Ford		Yes/Ford		1.03	Ų 1,127 G	Yes/Ford	ψ 1,1273	Yes/Ford	Ų 1,1273	Yes/Ford	Call	Yes	Ų 1,127 S	Yes	Ų 1,127 S	Yes	Ų 1,1273	Yes			Yes
OTHER  89 Backup Alarm	\$308		\$308	1				1 1				1				1						_	
90 Short Co-Pilot Passenger Door Heavy Duty Aluminum Running Board	\$515		\$515				1																
91 Long Passenger Side Heavy Duty Aluminum Running Board	\$998		\$998																				
92 Stainless Steel Assist Pole At Passenger Sliding Door (B Pillar or C Pillar) 93 Add a Single Rigid GO-ES Seat	\$334 \$1,250		\$334 \$1,250															-				_	
94 Add a Double Rigid GO-ES Seat	\$1,750		\$1,750																				
95 Add a Single Foldaway Seat GO-ES Seat	\$2,001		\$2,001																				
96 Add a Double Foldaway Seat GO-ES Seat  97 Add Black Top Seat Grab Handle	\$2,350 \$90	Ea	\$2,350 \$90	Ea																			
98 3pt Seat Belt Extender - 12" ea	\$88	Ea	\$88	Ea																			
99 Add CRS Per Seat  100 Armrest, Black Molded, Available For Aisle Side Seat Only	\$120 \$101	Ea Ea	\$120 \$101	Ea Ea														-					
101 1 Wheelchair Position, 5 pass + Driver. Upgrade Low Roof to Medium Roof	\$8,544	Ed	\$8,544	Ed			1																
102 2 Wheelchair Positions, Driver & Co-pilot. Upgrade Low Roof to Med Roof	\$6,801		\$6,801																				
103 1 Wheelchair Position, 5 pass + Driver. Upgrade Low Roof to High Roof 104 2 Wheelchair Position Van + Driver & Co-pilot. Upgrade Low Roof to High Roof	N/A N/A		N/A N/A															-					
105 E-Transit 10 Pass - includes OEM w/Electric Powertrain	N/A		N/A																				
106 Wheelchair Equipped Minivan w/BraunAbility Side Entry Ramp Conversion	\$1,871		\$1,871																				
107 Wheelchair Equipped Minivan w/BraunAbility Rear Entry Ramp Conversion 108 Add Double Folding Seat to the Wheelchair Equipped Minivan/BraunAbility	-\$2,353 \$2,150		-\$2,353 \$2,150																				
109 Upgrade Minivan Wheelchair Ramp from Bi-Folding to Infloor	\$3,500		\$3,500																				
111 3.5L EcoBoost Engine 112 Blind Spot Assist	\$2,948 \$1,301		\$2,948 \$1,301																				
113 Delete a Single Rigid GO-ES Seat	-\$164		-\$164																				
114 Delete a Double Rigid GO-ES Seat	-\$439		-\$439		425	CALL																	
89 Silver Sparkle Wheel Covers 90 16" Silver Aluminum Alloy Wheel					\$35 \$395	64H 647																	
91 HID Headlamps					\$455	91C																	
92 Wiper Activated Headlamps 93 253 Degree Rear Door Opening					\$30	91B 18P																	
93 253 Degree Rear Door Opening 94 Extended Length Running Boards (Driver A-B / Passenger A-C Pillar)					\$95 \$655	68J																	
95 2 Additional Keys W/Fob Making 4 Keys Total					\$75	86F																	
96 Back Up Arm 97 45 Day Temp Tag					\$200 \$35	43B TTT																	
98 Delivery to School. Price based on distance & time, please ask.					Varies	Delivery																	
89 Delivery							Yes	\$1.92/Mile		\$1.92/Mile	Yes	\$1.92/Mile	Yes	\$1.92/Mile	Yes	\$1.92/Mile	Yes	\$1.92/Mile	Yes	\$1.92/Mile			
90 Video Camera System with 2 Cameras 91 Additional Camera with Above System							\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850		\$3,675 \$850				
92 Passenger Seat Package with Center Aisle to Rear of Vehicle							\$2,275		\$2,275		\$2,275		Ç330		\$2,275		\$2,275		\$2,275				
93 3 Step Double Foldaway Seat							\$2,992		\$2,992		\$2,992				\$2,992		\$2,993		\$2,993				
94 3 Step Single Foldaway Seat 95 Double Fixed Mid High Seat							\$1,792 \$2,542		\$1,792 \$2,542		\$1,792 \$2,542		\$2,743		\$1,792 \$2,543		\$1,793 \$2,542		\$1,793 \$2,543				
96 Single Fixed Mid High Seat							\$1,192		\$1,192		\$1,192		\$2,093		\$1,192		\$1,192		\$1,192				
97 3.5L EcoBoost Engine							\$3,135		\$3,135		\$3,135												
98 Limited Slip Rear Axle							\$915		\$915		\$915												



# THE USE OF 12-PASSENGER VEHICLES FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION





- (2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway to load or unload passengers;
- (3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules adopted by the department of education and workforce. Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used to transport the students:
- (4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the Revised Code, as applicable.
- RC 4511.76(G).

#### Department of Education & Workforce Administrative Rules

- The Department of Education and Workforce has updated <u>Rule 3301-83-19 Authorized vehicles for the transportation of pupils to and from school and school-related events</u> to reflect new authorization to use 12-passenger vehicles. The new rule will be effective July 1, 2025.
- Until the Department's rule changes are effective, the HB 54 changes apply and supersede Department rule language.

#### Legal and Student Safety Considerations in Using 12-passenger vehicles

- Ohio currently allows vehicles designed for more than 9 passengers (not including the driver) ("10 passenger vans") to be used for
  routine transportation of community school/chartered nonpublic school children back and forth to school in certain circumstances.
   RC 4511.76. In addition, Ohio authorizes 10-passenger vans for the transportation of preschool children, special needs children,
  homeless children, foster children, children inaccessible to school buses, students placed in alternative schools or for work programs.
   OAC 3301-83-19.
  - Historically, there are safety and legal reasons that 11+ passenger vehicles have not been authorized in Ohio for universal home-to-school transportation of Ohio children. These remain relevant in considering what type of vehicle to use for student transportation needs.





## Information Regarding HB 54 and the Use of 12-passenger Vehicles for Student Transportation

This information is being sent to members of the Southwestern Ohio EPC with permission of the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce's Pupil Transportation Department.

Please direct any questions to: Heather Free, Program Administrator Office of ODEW Pupil Transportation 877-644-6338 Heather.Free@education.ohio.gov

The following pages are guidance from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Pupil Transportation Department.

HB 54 allowed the use of 12-Passenger Vans effective June 30, 2025; However, the purchase of a new vehicle conflicts with Federal law. Federal law does not regulate the use of vehicles after the first sale. Vendors cannot sell a NEW 12 Passenger Van, otherwise it is considered to be a school bus and would have to meet the construction standards with the lighting requirements, being yellow, etc.

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#### Student Safet

The Governor's School Bus Safety Workgroup Report (January 2024), p.7, indicates:

- "... members concluded that school buses remain the safest mode of transportation for students traveling to and from school. Data from the Ohio State Highway Patrol show that school buses are involved in less than 1% of all crashes in the state."
- Research substantiates the risks associated with larger vans. See National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) 2025 Alternative Transportation Position Paper (Position Paper). The Position Paper may be accessed at Forms & Resources | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.
- The Position Paper was designed to help states as they work toward ensuring safe transportation and meeting vehicle requirements
  as they strive to protect student safety. Per the Position Paper.

"Using vehicles other than school buses compromises student safety and heightens the potential for disastrous crashes with student injuries and fatalities. Thus, alternative transportation should be avoided except when completely necessary to meet specific students' school transportation needs and when proper oversight and safety regulations are established." (p.2.)

#### Federal Law – Purchase or Lease of New 12-passenger Vehicles

 The Position Paper provides information concerning federal law, which regulates the sale or lease of new vehicles used for student transportation (p.3). Federal law does not regulate the use of these vehicles after the first sale.

See: 49 U.S.C.A. § 30112 . Prohibitions on manufacturing, selling, and importing noncomplying motor vehicles and equipment (eff December 4, 2015):

"(a)(1) Except as provided in this section, "30114 of this title, and subchapter III of this chapter, a person may not manufacture for sale, sell, offer for sale, introduce or deliver for introduction in interstate commerce, or import into the United States, any motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufactured on or after the date an applicable motor vehicle safety standard prescribed under this chapter takes effect unless the vehicle or equipment complies with the standard and is covered by a certification issued under section 30115 of this title."

As referenced in the above, the vehicle must "comply with the standard" under section 30115. 49 U.S.C. §30125 defines a "school bus" as any vehicle that is designed for carrying a driver and more than 10 passengers and which, NHTSA decides, is likely to be "used significantly" to transport "preprimary, primary, and secondary" students to or from school or related events (including school-

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#### Information Regarding HB 54 (136<sup>th</sup> GA) Effective Date June 30, 2025 Use of 12-passenger Vehicles for Student Transportation

HB 54 authorizes the use of "alternative vehicles" for student transportation:

- "Alternative vehicle" means a motor vehicle originally manufactured and designed for not more than twelve passengers, not including the driver - RC 4511.76 (H).
- School districts may use these vehicles for to transport any student to and from regularly scheduled school sessions, school-related activities, and school-sanctioned events – RC 4511.76(F).
- Community schools and chartered nonpublic schools may similarly use these vehicles to transport their students, but subject to the limitations that exist in current law.
  - A student's school district of residence has declared the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to section 3327.02 of the Revised Code;
  - (2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as applicable, and the student's school district is not required to transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code;
  - (3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school or the community school has offered to provide the transportation for its students in lieu of the students being transported by their school district of residence
  - RC 4511.76(E)
- The same requirements in current law applicable to 9-passenger vehicles (not including the driver) apply to 12-passenger vehicles:
  - (1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer than two times each year and determines that it is safe for pupil transportation:

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sponsored field trips and athletic events), (49 U.S.C. §30125). By NHTSA's regulation, the capacity threshold for school buses corresponds to that of buses — vehicles designed for carrying more than ten (10) persons. This means, for example, that NHTSA categorizes a 12-passenger van (designed for carrying more than 10 persons) as a bus. This in turn means that the vehicle must comply with the standard under section 30015 for school buses.

 Accordingly, dealers selling or leasing a new "school bus" must sell or lease a vehicle that meets the safety standards applicable to school buses. If a 12 passenger "van" is designed for more than 10 passengers, and is sold for student transportation, and does not comply with the standards for a school bus that would be an illegal sale.