



# Belmond-Klemme Community School District

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## Request for Proposals on a New School Bus

To Whom It May Concern:

The Belmond-Klemme Community School District of Belmond, Iowa, is currently in the market for a high-capacity school bus to primarily transport students on routes within the school district.

I am respectfully requesting competitive bids from companies who would have an interest in supplying our district with its needed bus. All bid proposals must be fully compliant in all respects with current federal laws and standards as well as the laws and standards for the state of Iowa. It also must meet the current minimum standards, rules, and regulations of the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Iowa Department of Education.

For this bidding process, I submit the additional specifications listed below for the two integral components of the bus:

<b>CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REQUIRED SPECIFICATION</b>
Engine	In-line 6 Cylinder Diesel, with 250 HP minimum
Axles and Suspension	10,000 lb. Front with synthetic oil hubs; 10,000 lb suspension 19,000 lb. Rear with synthetic oil hubs; 19,000 lb suspension
Alternator	200 preferred; 175 AMP minimum; Leece-Neville/comparable
Block Heater	1,000 watts minimum
Battery	3,375 CCA minimum
Bumpers	12" Width, one piece, die-formed with ribbed front and rear
Steering	Power Steering, Tilt Wheel
Fuel Tank and System	100 gallon, B-F-R, preferred but not required
Fuel Water Separator	Heated
Tires and Wheels	Front: 11 R 22.5 Hwy Tread Rear: 11 R 22.5 Mud & Snow Tread 10 Hole Hub Piloted
Transmission	Automatic—Allison PTS-2500 or 3000 or compatible
Cooling System	With water cooler filter

<b>BODY SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
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Capacity	65 passenger preferred. Prefer conventional style.
Lettering on Body	Belmond-Klemme Community School District
Stepwell	Open-out, Three-step Stepwell
Interior Color	Brown or Burgundy—preferred but not required
Noise Package	Full-length Acoustic Package
Seats	28 ½ “ minimum spacing; seatbelt-ready seats
Driver’s Seat	Air-ride driver’s seat
Heater	90,000 BTU Left Front 50,000 BTU Right Front 80,000 BTU Rear Underseat with Heater Booster Pump or Water Re-circulating Pump
Entrance Door Control	Open-out, Air Preferred.
Vandal Locks	Locking system for all doors
Roof Hatch	Must include two combo roof hatches which act as ventilators
Windshield	Three-piece or Four-piece flat glass preferred but not required
Windshield Wipers	Heated
Strobe Light	LOW Profile mounted four feet from rear of bus
Dome Lights	Dual row of dome lights Driver’s dome light on a separate switch Supervisor’s light in rear
Exterior Lighting	LED Lighting
Exterior Mirror	Heated
Radio	AM/FM/CD with internal PA system & six speakers minimum
Security Cameras	REI system installed with three camera minimum
Ceiling	6 feet, 6 inches, preferred but not required

**NOTE:**

Although we will take competitive bids against the specifications listed above, we have a vested interest in getting the most for our taxpayers’ dollars. We are highly interested in the best value you have to offer, regardless if it meets all of our specifications. Therefore, we would also be interested in having you quote prices for any stock vehicles that may not necessarily fully meet all of our specs.

A single copy of your proposal must be postmarked or received by fax by 12:00 Noon (Central Standard Time) on Friday, December 13, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, call or fax the numbers above. Or you may contact me by e-mail at [dan.frazier@bkcsd.org](mailto:dan.frazier@bkcsd.org). Thank you.

Yours truly,

Dan Frazier  
Superintendent