

Five Important Things to Remember Before Buying a School Bus



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We finally found our bus! It only took 19 days and 1,600 miles of driving. Well, that's not entirely true. It took a lot more than that. We learned some important lessons during the process of buying a school bus.

1. It's okay to work out the kinks.

Honestly, I don't even remember when or how we decided on buying a school bus. Initially, we talked about traveling in our car. A platform we made for sleeping in the back proved to be effective for camping, but impractical for long road trips.

So we considered buying a box truck. The ones we found for sale were either junk or too expensive. At some point, we stumbled upon the idea of a school bus. As it turns out, school buses are a common item for sale on Facebook and no one really knows much about them so they often sell for cheap.

We knew we wanted to travel the US and we knew we wanted to be able to live out of what we were traveling in. The price had to be reasonable, as did the length. We wanted to be able to sit, stand, and sleep comfortably inside.

A good engine and transmission were a must, as well as decent fuel economy. We talked a lot about our options and capabilities, what we want-

ed, and what we didn't want. It took us a few tries before we finally came to a decision but once we did, we stuck to it.

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