



WYLIE ISD TRANSPORTATION

SB 546 SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELT COST SUMMARY

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

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SB 546

A Texas school bus safety law that moves the state toward 3-point seat belts on school buses and asks districts to be transparent about where we are right now. It requires us to report what type of belts each bus has (none, lap belts, or 3-point) and what it would cost to bring any buses up to the 3-point standard, so the state can see the real price tag and plan for future support.

*** All school buses must be equipped with 3-point seat belts by September 1, 2029***

School Board Presentation Requirements

- Confirm financial feasibility.
- Report bus counts with: no seatbelt, 2-point (lap), and 3-point seat belts.
- Report estimated cost to equip each bus with 3-point seat belt: retain supporting documentation
- Submit counts, cost and board documentation through TEA Sentinel by May 29, 2026.

SEAT BELT INVENTORY

TOTAL BUSES	89
3-point seat belts	38 (43%)
2-point (lap) seat belts	19 (21%)
No seat belts	32 (36%)
Buses needing 3-point	51 (57%)

ESTIMATED COST TO RETROFIT EACH BUS WITH 3-POINT SEAT BELTS

BUS PASSENGERS	BUSES	RETROFIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL
Activity	8	\$244,000	\$1,952,000
71	22	\$38,000	\$836,000
54	3	\$28,000	\$84,000
30	5	\$22,000	\$110,000
24	13	\$19,000	\$247,000
TOTAL	51		\$3,229,000

ESTIMATED COST TO REPLACE EACH BUS TO 3-POINT SEAT BELTS

BUS PASSENGERS	BUSES	REPLACE	ESTIMATED TOTAL
Activity	8	\$244,000	\$1,952,000
71	22	\$170,000	\$3,740,000
54	3	\$150,000	\$450,000
30	5	\$140,000	\$700,000
24	13	\$107,000	\$1,391,000
TOTAL	51		\$8,233,000