



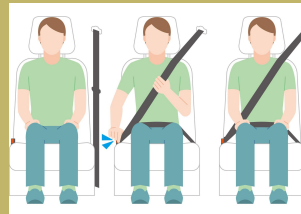
Transportation Update SB 546

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What We Know

SB 546

This bill, which was passed in the regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature, applies to the requirement for school buses to include **three-point seat belts for each passenger, regardless of model year.**



Must present status of the school bus fleet to the school board before May 2026.

Districts must report this information to TEA. No guidance on how at this time.

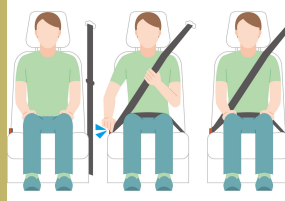
January 2027 TEA is presenting this collective data to the 90th legislative session for review.

September 1, 2029 all school buses are to be equipped with 3 point seatbelts.

Current School Bus Fleet

36

Total Buses in NISD Fleet



11

Equipped with 3-point seatbelts



1

Equipped with lap belts



24

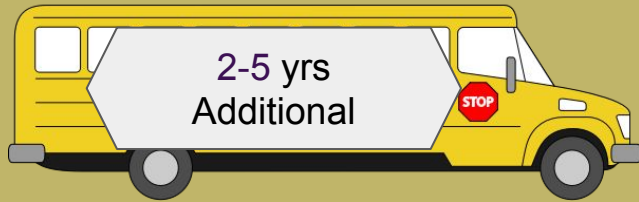
Without any passenger seat belts

Age of Fleet

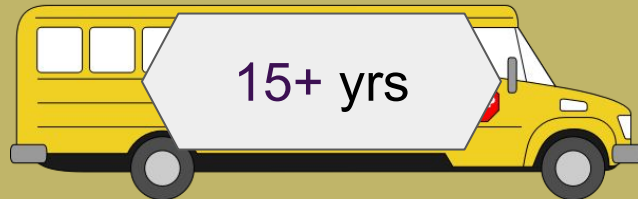
Route Bus



Spare Bus /
Field Trip Bus



Surplus



Year	Qty	Make	15yr replacement
2008	7	International	2023
2011	2	Bluebirds	2026
2013	1	International	2028
2015	1	International	2030
2016	2	International	2031
2017	3	International	2032
2018	2	International	2033
2022	1	International	2037
2023	3	International/(1)Thomas	2038
2024	3	International/(1)Thomas	2038



Costs to Retrofit 18 Buses

As of 09/11/2025

COMPANY	EST TIMELINE	EST COST
Rush Bus Sales (Bluebirds)	2 Units - Will not complete retrofits. Liability concerns.	N/A
Longhorn Bus Sales (Internationals)	14 Units - No timeline provided.	\$447,477.80
Thomas Bus Texas (Thomas')	2 Units - No timeline provided.	\$40,979.04
Buck's Wheels	18 Units - 6 weeks for all seats to arrive, once purchase order provided. Then 4 buses a week until the job is completed.	*2 Bluebird \$41,699.04 *2 Thomas / 14 Longhorn \$541,280.32

THANK YOU

