



HENDERSON ISD TRANSPORTATION

SB 546 SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELT COST SUMMARY

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

MARCH 17, 2026

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	47
3-point seat belts	21 (45%)
2-point (lap) seat belts	3 (6%)
No seat belts	23 (49%)
Buses needing 3-point	26 (55%)

ESTIMATED COST TO RETROFIT EACH BUS WITH 3-POINT SEAT BELTS	
International (IC) Buses	Bluebird Buses
<p><u>2020-2025 models</u> require replacement of the seat backs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77 passenger buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$33,000 - \$35,000 per bus for parts & labor • Sped buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$25,000 - \$27,000 parts & labor 	<p><u>2015 & newer models</u> require replacement of the seat backs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 passenger buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$30,000 per bus for parts & labor • Sped buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$22,000 per bus for parts & labor
<p><u>2010 & older models</u> require replacement of the entire seat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 passenger buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$33,000 per bus parts & labor with an additional \$10,000 if the floor has to be replaced 	<p><u>2014 & older models</u> require replacement of the entire seat and floor reinforcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 passenger buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$45,000 per bus parts & labor • Sped buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$22,000 per bus parts & labor
<p>2007 Chevrolet People Mover express (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 passenger • Estimated Cost \$30,000 	
<p>TOTAL COST to Retrofit all existing HISD buses: \$1,015,368</p>	

ESTIMATED COST TO REPLACE EACH BUS WITH 3-POINT SEAT BELTS			
BUS PASSENGERS	BUSES	COST	ESTIMATED TOTAL
77	21	\$155,082	\$3,256,722
54	3	\$153,727	\$461,181
21	2	80,000	\$160,000
TOTAL	26		\$3,877,903