



# HISD Transportation

This past month or so in Transportation has been different. We have had things happen that we pray we never have to deal with. The first major thing was the bus fire. This bus was a 2024 International Bus. It had approximately 17,000 miles. Navistar, which is the owner of International Buses, sent a crew out to look at the bus and they could not determine the cause of the fire. They are saying that it was just a freak accident. They also came to the bus shop that day and looked over several buses in our fleet, and gave praise at how clean all of our buses are, and were very pleased with our maintenance schedules for our buses. We are also very proud of our driver and monitor. They followed their training and evacuation procedures and everyone made it out of the Bus safely. Next, we had a head on collision with bus number 32 and 2 other vehicles. The State Troopers determined that the driver of the tan vehicle traveling southbound on FM 450 veered over into the lane with bus number 32. They basically hit drivers headlight to driver's headlight. On impact bus number 32 lost steering, and traveled over into oncoming traffic and hit the white vehicle head on. First responders arrived on scene and had to use jaws of life to remove the driver from the tan vehicle and the white vehicle. Everyone involved was transported to the hospital. The 2 people in our bus and the driver of the tan vehicle all had bumps and bruises but were checked out and released that day from the Hospital. The driver from the white car was not as lucky. She ended up with multiple injuries, and is still in the hospital and has a long road to recovery. The driver in the white car is also an employee of HISD Transportation as well. She was on her way to work that morning. We have been keeping up with her recovery and she is improving daily. State Troopers completed an investigation, which included a thorough check of the bus. They went over it and made sure that everything met D.O.T. Specifications such as brakes and tires and inspection items. Everything met their requirements. We know that we cannot prevent things like this from happening but we try to make sure that all staff are knowledgeable of protocols and procedures. We also try to make sure that our equipment is always in good shape. Please take a moment to thank God for protecting our students and staff. The driver in the white car still has a long road of recovery but all surgeries have gone good so far. We know that this accident could have been even more tragic. Please continue to pray for the safety of the students and staff here at HISD Transportation. Thanks for your continued time and support.

Thanks,  
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