



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BROWNSVILLE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Bus Safety Issues and Accidents Update



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BISD TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Moving Students Safely. Supporting Student Success.



MISSION

**Safe, dependable,
efficient transportation
for BISD students.**



WHO WE SERVE

~12,000
students
transported
twice daily



**Special-needs
transportation**
required by law



Regular riders
generally live
2+ miles from
zoned school



BY THE NUMBERS



225
BUSES

141 regular / 84 special needs



167
ROUTES

103 regular / 64 special needs



183
LICENSED & CERTIFIED
DRIVERS
187 positions



66
BUS MONITORS



~2.5 MILLION
MILES PER YEAR



~100
SQUARE MILES



6 CLUSTERS

Hanna | Pace | Porter | Lopez | Rivera | Veterans



GPS / Tablet
(Technology)



Radio
Communication



Field Trip
Procedures



Fire Extinguisher /
First Aid



Wheelchair
Securement



Lift
Operation



Defensive
Driving



Loading &
Unloading



Railroad
Crossings



Emergency
Evacuation



SUPPORTING BISD



Career Technology Education
& Vocational Programs



Field Trips



*Real
World Skills.
Brighter
Futures.*

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DOT DEFINITIONS: ACCIDENT VS. INCIDENT

SECTION 1: GENERAL DOT DEFINITION

AN ACCIDENT
(often legally a "crash" or severe event) involves severe harm or major damage.



AN INCIDENT is a broader or lesser occurrence that affects safety but may not meet the accident threshold.



SECTION 2: FMCSA (TRUCKING) AGENCY DEFINITIONS

FMCSA ACCIDENT / CRASH An occurrence involving a CMV (Commercial Motor Vehicle) where...

✗ ILLUSTRATED TRIGGER 1

✓ Someone dies.



✓ Covered-up with a cover-up of crushed cars, not correct.

✗ ILLUSTRATED TRIGGER 2

✓ Someone suffers injury requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene.



✓ ILLUSTRATED TRIGGER 3

✓ A vehicle incurs disabling damage requiring it to be towed from the scene.



✓ Tow lifted for severely damaged semi truck.

FMCSA INCIDENT

- used more informally in motor carrier safety management
- do not result in the injuries or tows required to retrain

near-misses and minor events

- minor events, roadside inspections



- do not result in the injuries or tows required to trigger an official DOT-recordable accident.

- hazardous material spills



WARNING: NOT RECORDABLE

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- near-misses





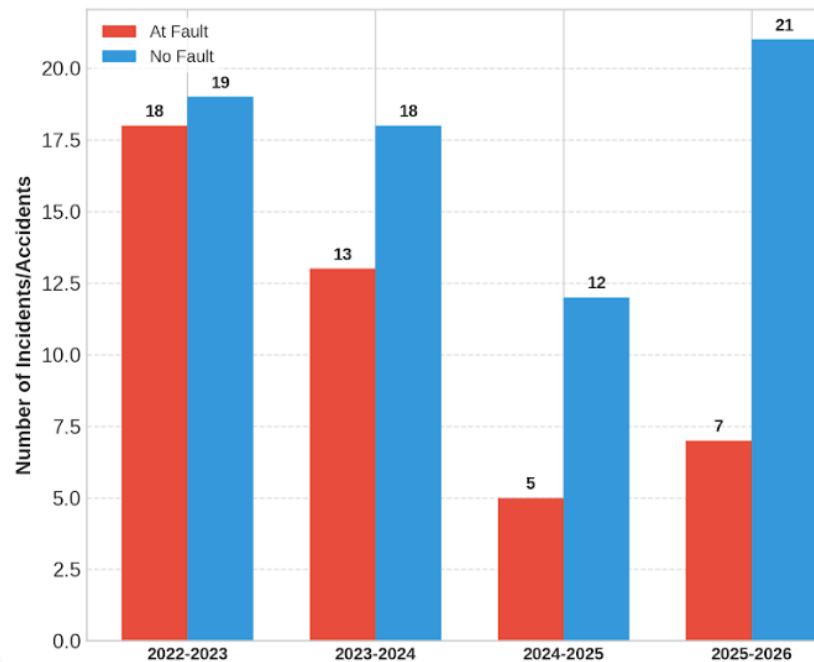
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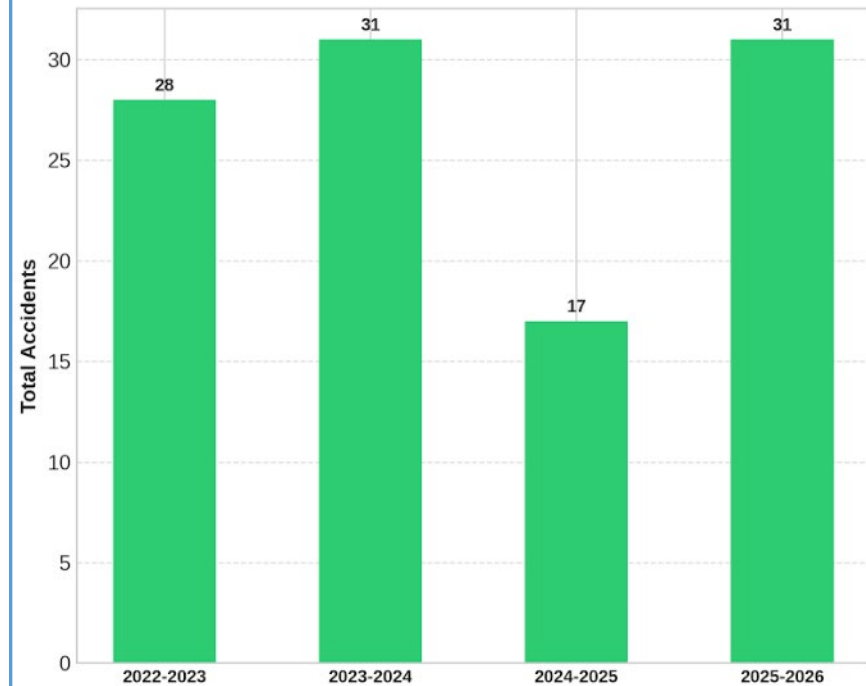
48 MONTH DATA ON ACCIDENTS

7 at fault accidents/2.25M miles = .0001%

Accidents Breakdown: At Fault vs No Fault



Total Accidents by Year





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**OUR COMMITMENT: ZERO ACCIDENTS.
EVERY STUDENT, EVERY MILE.**



**THE GOAL:
ZERO ACCIDENTS.**



Average 10.7 At-Fault Accidents
(Historically) → **NOW ZERO.**



**2.5 MILLION MILES
TRAVELED ANNUALLY**



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