

East Chambers ISD Bus Fleet Information

SB546 - States that all buses that are transporting students will need to be equipped with 3 point safety belts by September 1, 2029.

Current Inventory of Fleet

We currently have : **21 buses** that we operate.

: **8 buses** are equipped with 3 point safety belts

We have **1 SPED Bus** on order that was budgeted this year.

Price to purchase new bus is estimated at \$170,000 each

Price to retrofit bus with new seats that have 3 point safety belts is estimated at \$40,675 each

Proposed Plan

After looking at our fleet of buses and reviewing the mechanical and physical conditions and mileage of our bus fleet, the transportation department proposes the following plan. This proposed plan will allow our district to be in compliance with the SB546 law as it is stated at this time by the September deadline.

2026-2027 add to budget \$500,000 to purchase 2 new bus units and retrofit 4 currently owned units

2027-2028 add to budget \$550,000 to purchase 3 new bus units

2028-2029 add to budget \$580,000 to purchase 3 new bus units