

Senate Bill 546, which mandates that all public-school buses be equipped with 3-point seat belts no later than September 1, 2029, Iola Independent School District (IOLA ISD) has taken proactive steps to ensure full compliance well before the statutory deadline.

Current Fleet Status

- The district presently operates four (4) school buses that are fully equipped with 3-point seat belts.
- All students who ride on these buses are required to wear their seat belt at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

Enforcement Policy

To promote safety and adherence to the new requirement, the following graduated disciplinary protocol will be applied to any student who fails to wear a seat belt on a district-operated bus:

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First	Verbal warning delivered by the bus driver.
Second	Written warning documented and mailed to the parent/guardian.
Third	Suspension of bus privileges for five (5) consecutive school days.
Fourth	Continued non-compliance will result in loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.

These measures are intended to reinforce the importance of seat-belt use and to protect the well-being of every student on our transportation system.

IOLA ISD remains committed to providing a safe learning environment both in the classroom and on the road. Your cooperation and support are essential to the success of this safety initiative.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for helping us keep our students safe.