



PROPANE SCHOOL BUS TOUR FAQs

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WHAT IS THE RANGE OF THE BUS?

The fuel tank holds 60 gallons of propane, and the bus has a 300-mile range.

COULD THE BUS HAVE A BIGGER FUEL TANK?

Blue Bird is looking at this option for the future, but it is not currently available.

IS A DUAL-FUEL OPTION AVAILABLE?

No. The bus is dedicated propane.

CAN I RETROFIT A DIESEL BUS TO RUN ON PROPANE?

No.

WHERE DO I BUY PROPANE?

There are more than 1,000 public refueling stations in Texas. All use the same refueling connection for buses that they use for residential tanks. The Railroad Commission has an online directory, searchable by county and city, at www.texaspropane.org.

WHAT ABOUT TRIPS LONGER THAN 300 MILES?

You can arrange to refuel with propane by calling ahead to one of the outlets listed in the directory, or you can use a diesel bus for special, long distance trips.

WHAT IF I RUN OUT OF FUEL ON THE ROAD?

Propane delivery vehicles can provide emergency roadside refueling if needed.

WHERE CAN MY BUS GET SERVICE?

Rush Truck Centers has 14 service locations around Texas, and also provides mobile, onsite service to purchasers of the propane bus.



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WHERE DO MY TECHNICIANS GET TRAINING?

Rush, CleanFUEL USA and the Railroad Commission of Texas all provide training, depending on your requirements.

HAVE ANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS HAD LONG-TERM EXPERIENCE WITH PROPANE BUSES?

Yes.

Alvin ISD (73 propane buses)
John Ralph, Transportation Director
281-245-2992
jralph@alvinisd.net

Dallas County Schools (545 propane buses)
Tim Jones, Transportation Director
214-944-4569
tjones@dcschools.com

Denton ISD (77 propane buses)
Gene Holloway, Transportation Director
940-369-0097
gholloway1@dentonisd.org

Northside ISD (350 propane buses)
Rafael Salazar, Transportation Director
210-397-0940
Rafaelsalazar@nisd.net

IS PROPANE SAFE IN A SCHOOL BUS?

The Texas Railroad Commission is the agency that ensures the safety of the state's alternative-fuel school buses. The Commission sets strict safety regulations for propane systems installed on school buses in Texas. In addition, a Railroad Commission inspector periodically checks the propane system on each bus.

The Commission also maintains records on every accident involving a propane school bus. In the past five years, only five incidents involving propane have been reported. None of the incidents resulted in propane-related injuries.

WHAT ABOUT INCENTIVES FOR PROPANE BUSES?

A number of federal, state and private incentives are available to help your districts buy propane buses. Call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR for information.



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