



PROPANE BUS FLEET CASE STUDY

NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BACKGROUND FACTS

Second-largest propane school-bus fleet in State of Texas
355 sq. miles, 92,000 plus students
Transports 45,000 students each day
Annual school-bus mileage: 8,900,000 miles
Current annual usage of propane: 450,000 gallons

FLEET FACTS

Total School Buses 730

- 351 Propane
- 348 Diesel
- 31 Gasoline

Total Other Vehicles

- 0 Propane
- 1 Diesel
- 26 Gasoline

Propane refueling facilities: 4
Gallons on-site propane storage: 56,000 gallons total at four stations: South 8,000 gallons; Culebra 12,000 gallons; North 12,000 gallons; and Rhodes 24,000 gallons
Years using propane: 30

PROPANE COST SAVINGS

Annual savings to district through use of propane:
* Federal Propane Motor Fuel Tax Credit : \$357,151 to date
* Average Cost per Gallon for Propane \$1.72 and Diesel \$3.15

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/QUOTES

“This continues the school district’s history of ‘going green and saving green,’” Superintendent Dr. John Folks said. “These buses allow us to reduce air pollutants by using cleaner, Texas-produced fuel, while also saving our taxpayers’ money.”

We were one of the first school districts to make a commitment to propane, and the first customer in the country to purchase the new dedicated propane Blue Bird buses in 2007. Northside ISD has taken delivery of 123 additional propane school buses over the past two years, and our community and our staff recognize and enjoy the cleanliness of propane.

--Rafael Salazar

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