Waller
Independent School District

SMART tag

How it Works

Dear Turlington Elementary & Schultz Junior High Families,

Waller ISD (WISD) is excited to announce the integration of a SMART tag system (SMART) for bus riders. The integration will begin this spring at Turlington Elementary and Schultz Junior High, and will be completed at all other WISD schools in fall 2019.

SMART will help increase safety and security for students by leveraging technology to improve student management and communications on school buses. It will help:
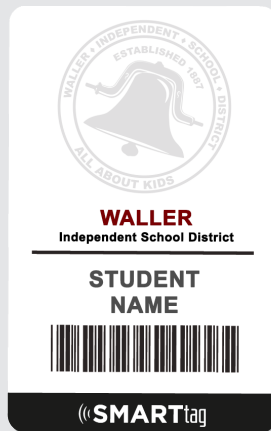
- Increase driver, school, and parent awareness
- Ensure riders load the right bus and unload at the right stop
- Automate necessary reporting functions
- And more!

WISD is currently working to install hardware on buses and train drivers. In the meantime, **we want to meet with you to provide more information and answer your questions. If your child rides a bus, or may ride a bus in the future, please make plans to attend a WISD SMART Tag Family Meeting. You may attend either meeting, but attendance at both is not necessary.**

- **Tuesday, April 23** – Turlington Elementary 6-6:45 p.m. – Cafeteria
- **Thursday, April 25** – Schultz Junior High 6-6:45 p.m. – Cafeteria

More information about this is available at https://wisd.fyi/transportation. We look forward to sharing more with you on April 23 or April 25!

Student ID
Students are issued a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) SMART tag ID. RFID technology is replacing bar codes in many industries such as medical (patient, equipment & supplies tracking), libraries (book tracking), and even amusement park access (Disney World now uses RFID wristbands). These IDs communicate with the driver tablets. No student info is stored on the tag.

Bus Tablet
SMART tag school buses are equipped with a tablet computer and RFID reader. When loading and unloading a bus, riders present their ID onto the reader. The tablet with display if the rider is boarding the correct bus, and if they are getting off at their correct stop.

Transportation Administration
When bus activity begins, rider info is immediately available for the transportation administrators, so they can oversee all school bus activity.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Schools

Joel Mooneyham
Director of Transportation

Hannah Gates
Principal, Schultz Junior High

Kristen Eckerman
Principal, Turlington Elementary