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New Activities Bus Rolls Into Town: RCISD Celebrates Major Upgrade

Over a year in the making, in a move that promises to enhance student life and bolster extracurricular opportunities, the Roscoe Collegiate Independent School District has added one of two brand new Ultra Coachliner DXL to its bus fleet. The state-of-the-art vehicle arrived this past Friday. The activities bus was put to use immediately, transporting the RCISD Varsity Football Team that night and scheduled to transport the Volleyball team this weekend. RCISD is expecting a second bus in the next couple weeks.

The new buses will serve as a dedicated mode of transportation for athletic teams, band, academic clubs, and other student organizations traveling to competitions, performances, and events both near and far.

Superintendent, Dr. Guillermo Mancha, Jr., called the addition "a major step forward" for our students, district, and community.

"These new activities buses ensure our students can travel safely, comfortably, and efficiently to the events that help shape their education beyond the classroom," said Dr. Mancha. "It's a great investment in our kids and their futures. The new buses feature modern amenities, including reclining seats, individual lighting, Wi-Fi, climate control, and ample storage space for equipment and luggage—features that were absent in the aging vehicle(s) these replace."

Dr. Mancha goes on to declare, "The modern amenities support students continuing their academic work while traveling, as every RCISD student is issued a laptop or iPad—maximizing valuable time. Coaches and sponsors can also provide tutoring and academic support as needed during the trip. Moreover, the new buses allow for faster travel, helping students arrive home earlier—especially on weekdays. This improvement supports our students, families, and staff by providing more time for rest and better preparation for the following school day."

Athletic Director Dan Loyd noted the importance of reliable transportation for student success:

"These new buses make travel safer and more consistent. Plus, it boosts morale—students feel valued when they're riding in a vehicle that reflects their importance to the school community."

As the district continues to invest in infrastructure and student support, the new activities bus stands as a symbol of progress—and of the community's commitment to well-rounded education.

On Friday, September 5, 2025, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., the new bus will be on display in front of Plowboy Stadium. The RCISD community is invited to stop by and tour the inside of the bus.

