



Robertson County Schools

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School Bus Lap-Shoulder Seat Belt Policy

Effective January 2019 Pupil Transportation Department will operate 4 New 78-90, passenger school buses and 2 Buses Fitted with three-point lap-shoulder seat restraints system. (Seat Belts).

Use of seat restraint systems shall be mandatory for all riders on buses equipped with this safety technology.

Seat Restraint Non-Compliance

Students who forget to put on their seat restraint will be given a verbal reminder/warning. Students removing their seat restraint during the route or refusing to wear their restraint will be issued a written discipline referral. (Bus Conduct Report). The school having the authority of the bus will discipline the student in a manner consistent with other safety-related behavioral infractions.

Seat Restraint Training

The transportation supervisor will conduct the initial/annual training for all school bus drivers in the implementation and use of seat restraints.

The school bus drivers will train students on the proper implementation and use of seat restraints: when bus comes in service, annually, or at the start of each school year to ensure each passenger is familiar with the operation of seat restraints. The driver will emphasize that each rider always remains secured in their seat with seat restraint fastened during the ride. All students will receive additional instruction on the proper use of seat restraints during scheduled bus evacuation drills conducted semi-annually.

Bus Drivers/Attendants

Drivers will instruct students to put on their seat restraint at three periods:

- 1. Morning:** When students board the bus, driver/attendant will inform/remind students to buckle up.
- 2. On Route:** If a student takes off their restraint while riding. (seen visibly by driver/attendant). Drivers/attendant will inform/remind students to buckle up.
- 3. Afternoon:** The driver will walk from the front to the rear of the bus one time prior to departure to ensure and inform/remind students are buckled up.

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