



South Shore Regional School Board—Transportation Department
**School Bus Seat Belt Restraints:
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

1. Why are there seat belts on school buses?

Transport Canada regulations require each new school bus vehicle to be equipped with seat belt restraints on some seats, for use by students who weigh less than 18kg (40 lbs.);

2. How many buses will be equipped with seat belts?

All school buses in service with the South Shore Regional School Board since September 2007 are equipped with integrated seats. Each bus has 6 seat belt positions;

3. Will all buses have seat belts?

Regulations do not require retrofit of existing buses, so we will not be adding seat belts to existing buses;

4. How will I know if my child is eligible for a seat belt?

School staff will weigh each new primary student and communicate with parents and the Transportation Department;

5. Who will help students fasten the seat belts?

Student volunteers will be trained to use the restraints. Trained volunteers will be present on each bus run to provide assistance to student using restrained seats;

7. Who do I call if I have questions?

Transportation Staff can assist you if you have questions or concerns. Please call 541-8248 and staff will return your call.