



South Shore

Regional Centre for Education

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;
- 6. 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.