

USE OF SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education recognizes the potential for the added safety of students who are restrained by safety seat belts in motor vehicles.

All new school bus purchases after July 1, 1987, shall be equipped with lap safety seat belts, as required by subdivision 5 of Section 383 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

The District shall provide instruction on the use and proper wearing of seat belts as required by Section 156.3(i) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Instruction on Use of Seat Belts:

In each school district in which pupils are transported on school buses equipped with seat safety belts, such district shall insure that all pupils who are transported on any school bus owned, leased or contracted for by the district shall receive instruction on the use of seat safety belts. Such instruction shall be provided at least three times each year to both public and nonpublic school pupils who are so transported and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. proper fastening and release of seat safety belts;
2. acceptable placement of seat safety belts on pupils;
3. times at which the seat safety belts should be fastened and released; and
4. acceptable placement of the seat safety belts when not in use.

Reference: New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 383, Subdivision 5
8 NYCRR § 156.3(i)

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