



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.