

TRANSPORTATION OF INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

DATES (Adopted/Revised)	GUIDE WORDS
Adopted August, 1992 Revised December, 2004	Child Transportation Infant Transportation Infant Seat Safety Belts Seat Belts Transporting Infants and Children

Children under five years of age may be transported by school bus when either they or their parents are properly enrolled in a regular school program and are enroute to or from that program under the following guidelines:

1. Birth to one year and up to 22 pounds:
 - a. The child shall be placed in an "infant seat" or "convertible seat" meeting all requirements of FMVSS 213.
 - b. The "infant seat" or "convertible seat," placed rearward facing, must be properly secured to the bus seat, and the child must be appropriately secured to the "infant seat" or "convertible seat" in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
 - c. It is the parent's responsibility to furnish appropriate infant seats, convertible seats and child safety seats that meet the requirements of FMVSS 213.
2. Over one year and under five years of age, and twenty-two pounds from approximately twenty pounds to approximately forty pounds:
 - a. The child will be placed in a Child Safety Restraint System meeting all requirements of FMVSS 213 and 225.
 - b. A Child Safety Restraint System is placed forward facing, and must be properly secured to the bus seat, and the child must appropriately secured in the safety restraint system in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Five years of age and older in school buses with FMVSS 222 seating:
 - a. A child who is able to climb unassisted onto the bus seat and assume a normal forward facing sitting position, and remain seated for the duration of the bus ride is protected by the compartmentalized seating of FMVSS 222. No additional protective devices are required.
 - b. A child who is able to comply with the requirements of 3.a. (above) should be transported in accordance with item 2.a., 2.b.
4. Children are not transported on the lap of another person.
5. Passengers in school buses equipped with lap belts are required to wear them whenever the bus is in motion.