

CHAPTER 9.00 - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

9.12 - Safety Belts

POLICY:

- (1) The operator and each front seat passenger of a motor vehicle who are conducting School Board business or a school-related activity shall be restrained by a safety belt when the vehicle is in operation. This provision is applicable to all vehicles as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes, except for the following:
 - (a) A school bus purchased prior to January 1, 2001;
 - (b) A bus used for transportation of persons for compensation;
 - (c) A farm tractor or implement of husbandry;
 - (d) A truck of net weight of more than five thousand (5,000) pounds; and,
 - (e) A motorcycle, moped, or bicycle.
- (2) A school bus purchased new after December 31, 2000 must be equipped with safety belts or other federally approved restraint system if used for pre-K to grade 12 students. Each passenger shall wear a seatbelt when the bus is in operation.
- (3) The number of front seat passengers of a pick-up truck required to wear a safety belt shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed by the manufacturer.
- (4) School bus drivers shall wear a seat belt when operating a school bus.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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