



Best Practices Pre-School Age Seating

Student Transportation

1. When installed, all passenger seats designed to accommodate a child or infant carrier seat shall comply with FMVSS No. 225. These seats shall be in compliance with NHTSA's "Guideline for the Safe Transportation of Pre-school Age Children in School Buses".

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2. Passenger seats designed to accommodate a child or infant carrier seat shall comply with FMVSS No. 225, Child Restraint Anchorage Systems. These seats shall be in compliance with NHTSA's "Guideline for the Safe Transportation of Pre-school Age Children in School Buses." (Note: See 4. a. viii. below.)
3. Lap belts shall not be installed on passenger seats in large school buses (over 10,000 pounds GVWR) except in conjunction with child safety restraint systems that comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 213, Child Restraint Systems.

Resource: National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures, May 2010.

4. Transporters of pre-school age and older children in vehicles that use CSRSs minimally should adhere to the following recommendations:
 - a. Establish written policies and procedures for...
 - i. Procurement, maintenance, cleaning and replacement of CSRSs;
 - ii. Registration and tracking equipment recall notices;
 - iii. Inspection;
 - iv. Installation and usage training;
 - v. Occupancy of non-restrained passengers on seats behind restrained passengers;
 - vi. Locations of restrained passengers with respect to emergency exits;
 - vii. Retrofitting school buses with CSRSs; and
 - viii. Emergency procedures.

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