

Policy Section: Safety

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## 13. SEAT BELT ASSEMBLIES

- **13.1** Every school day, large numbers of children travel by school bus. Considering the exposure and low number of incidents involving school buses, they are known to be the safest mode of ground transportation.
- **13.2** Despite an excellent safety record, parents/guardians have questions related to the safety of their children, including why there are no seat belts on school buses.
- 13.3 School buses have been specifically designed and equipped to carry students and are built with unique safety considerations. Considering the size of a school bus, students are protected by a lower impact zone. They are designed so students sit above the impact zone where an automobile would typically hit a school bus.
- **13.4** However, Ontario introduced mandatory child car and booster seat use which is outlined in Ontario Regulation 613.

## Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures

AP.03.13 Seat Belt Assemblies

## **Related RCJTC Forms**

F.02.01.2	Specialized Transportation Request
F.03.13.1	Seat Belt Assembly – Booster Seat Operator Letter
F.03.13.2	Seat Belt Assembly – Booster Seat Guardian Letter