

## **SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER RESTRAINTS**

Code No. 711.10

It is the goal of the Edgewood Colesburg Community School District Transportation Department to provide the safest student transportation possible. The district shall utilize three-point lap-shoulder belts on district school buses as required by state law. All three-point lap-shoulder belts available on district buses will be used by passengers when the vehicle is in any non-stationary gear. The District requires that all students riding a school district bus equipped with seat belts wear seat belts while the bus is in motion.

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All students will receive instruction on the proper use of seat belts during the twice annual bus safety drills. Drivers are not responsible (i.e. liable) for students wearing seat belts while riding. Drivers are responsible for instructing students to put on seat belts prior to the bus leaving a school.

Students who may require assistance in using seat belts should ask the bus driver for help, so that all students are safely belted in their seat before the bus is in motion. Drivers will announce prior to the bus leaving that each student needs to be in their seat with the seat belt fastened.

Students refusing to use seat belts create a safety concern for themselves and others, and are subject to school district disciplinary actions. Repeated refusal to wear seat belts can result in suspension from bus riding privileges.

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Cross Reference: 711.07 School Bus Safety Instruction

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