

1. Policy Information

Section: The Use of Booster and Car Seats
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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) recognizes booster seats and car seats may be required for the safe transportation of students. Booster seats and car seats will be utilized in accordance with related legislation for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to provide booster seats and car seats for students in accordance with related legislation for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.

4. Overview

4.1. Booster Seats

4.1.1. The SCSTC will provide child booster seats for students in accordance with related legislation for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.

4.1.2. Related legislation, as identified in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act Reg. 613, passengers travelling on a public vehicle with a seating capacity of less than 10 persons:

Ontario's Highway Traffic Act requires children to use a booster seat when they weigh 18 kg to 36 kg - 40 to 80 lb, are less than 145 cm - 4 feet 9 inches tall, and are under the age of 8.

A child can start using a seatbelt alone once any one of the following criteria is met:

- *Child turns eight years' old*
- *Child weighs 36 kg or 80 lb*
- *Child is 145 cm - 4 feet 9 inches tall*

4.1.3. If a student older than 8 years old meets either of the other two conditions; weighs 18 to 36 kg - 40 to 80 lbs or less than 145 cm - 4 feet 9 inches tall; then a

booster seat may be provided at the request of the school and approved by the Member District School Board.

4.1.4. If a student younger than 8 years old, exceeds either of the other two conditions; weighs 18 to 36 kg - 40 to 80 lbs or less than 145 cm - 4 feet 9 inches tall; through the school, the student's parent and/or guardian may request the student may be excluded from booster seat use.

4.1.5. The student's parent and/or guardian will be required to complete SCSTC Form TF004 - Discontinued Use of Booster Seat. The form is available through the school. The school will submit the completed form to SCSTC.

4.1.6. The child booster seat shall remain the property of the SCSTC.

4.2. Car Seats

4.2.1. The SCSTC will provide child car seats for students in accordance with related legislation for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards

4.2.2. Related legislation, as identified in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act Reg. 613, passengers travelling on a public vehicle with a seating capacity of less than 10 persons:

Ontario's Highway Traffic Act requires children to use a forward-facing child car seat when they weigh from 9 kg to 18 kg – 20 lb to 40 lb.

4.2.3. The child car seat will remain the property of the respective Member District School Board.

5. References

Ontario Highway Traffic Act:

Bill 73

Regulation 613 and 614

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