

APS Seat Belt Safety Expected Usage Guideline

Aurora Public Schools has begun the process of adding lap-shoulder seat belts onto district school buses. All district buses are expected to have lap-shoulder seat belts within the next ten years. Students who ride an APS school bus equipped with lap shoulder belts will be expected to use them. Failure to comply with this guideline will be handled in accordance with the following policy.

Use of Seat Belts on Aurora Public Schools Buses

It is a requirement that passengers use the three-point safety system (seat belt) while riding the school bus, when the bus is so equipped. The seat belt is an additional protection for the passenger and failure to use the seat belt, or follow any other bus rule, will result in the following:

- **First Incident** – The driver will counsel the student.
- **Second Incident** – The driver will counsel the student and follow up with a written report. A Transportation Coordinator will contact the school and parents/guardians and request assistance. The student may also lose all district transportation privileges for up to two days. Parents/guardians will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from school during this time.
- **Third Incident** – The driver will counsel the student and follow up with a written report. A Transportation Coordinator will contact the school and parents/guardians and request assistance. The student will also lose all district transportation privileges for up to five days. Parents/guardians will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from school during this time.
- **Fourth Incident** – The driver will counsel the student and follow up with a written report. A Transportation Coordinator will contact the school and parents/guardians and request assistance. The student will also lose all district transportation privileges for up to ten days. Parents/guardians will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from school during this time.
- **Additional incidents may result in removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year.** A re-entry meeting may be required at the

start of the following school year prior to the student riding the bus.