



## School Bus Lap/Shoulder Seat Belt Procedure

The safety of students is one of FWCS' highest priorities. This includes safe transportation on our school buses. School buses currently use compartmentalization as the safety standard, which minimizes impact and injury should a collision occur, and three-point lap/shoulder (safety) belts in newer buses, as of 2018.

The following procedures applies to all buses equipped with lap/shoulder belts:

1. All school bus drivers who operate a school bus that is equipped with safety belts shall provide instruction to passengers on the proper fastening of the safety belt every semester.
2. Students are responsible for putting the seat belt on and fastening it immediately upon boarding the bus.
3. When all students have boarded, the school bus driver will walk down the aisle to confirm that all students have fastened their safety belts.
4. The school bus will not leave until every student is seated with his or her safety belt fastened.
5. Students must remain seated and keep the seat belt fastened for the duration of the bus ride.
6. Students should not remove their safety belts until the bus has come to a complete stop.
7. Failure of the student to comply with the seat belt policy will result in consequences up to and including removal from the school bus.
8. The student and parent will be responsible for the cost of vandalized seat belts and seats.