

## CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

### SEAT BELTS

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- I. The operator and each passenger of a motor vehicle who are conducting School Board business or a school-related activity shall be restrained by a safety belt when the vehicle is in operation. This provision is applicable to all vehicles as defined in Florida Statutes, except for the following:
  - A. A school bus purchased prior to January 1, 2001;
  - B. A bus used for transportation of persons for compensation;
  - C. A farm tractor or implement of husbandry;
  - D. A truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds; and,
  - E. A motorcycle, moped, or bicycle.
- II. A school bus purchased new after December 31, 2000 must be equipped with safety belts or other federally approved restraint system if used for pre-K to grade 12 students. Each passenger shall wear a seatbelt when the bus is in operation.
- III. The number of passengers of a vehicle shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed by the manufacturer.
- IV. School bus operators shall wear a seat belt when operating a school bus.

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