

## **Chapter 81: Transportation**

*Rule 81.13 Seat Belts.* THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 37-41-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) currently require that school buses, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or less, be equipped with either lap belts or lap/shoulder belts at all designated seating positions. The larger school buses, those with a GVWR exceeding 10,000 lbs., are not required to be equipped with seat belts.

The determination of the need for a seat belt seating position for a disabled student should be based upon the recommendation of:

1. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Committee for those disabled students requiring an IEP
2. The District 504 Coordinator and/or ADA Coordinator
3. The District Transportation Director

School bus seats with seat belts must comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 210 - Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages - Passenger Cars, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles, Trucks, and Buses.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Adopted 8/1987)*