

Majestic Bus Service, Inc.

Seat Belt Policy

SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES:

Policy:

It is the goal of Majestic Bus Service, the pupil transportation contractor for the School District, to provide the Safest and most reliable student transportation available. Majestic, and the District requires that all Students, Teachers, Coaches and/or Chaperones riding the buses, comply with State and Federal laws regarding the use of seatbelts. Passengers who may require assistance in using seatbelts should ask the bus driver for instructions, so that all passengers are safely belted in their seat before the bus is put in motion. Drivers will announce prior to the bus leaving that **each passenger needs to be in their assigned seat and seatbelts fastened. Students refusing to use seatbelts in a legal and safe manner will be subject to Majestic / School District disciplinary actions. Repeated refusal to wear seatbelts will result in suspended riding privileges from the bus.** No Passenger will be permitted to violate this Rule.

Through video surveillance, Majestic Management will monitor the seat belt usage to ensure its Safety and Compliance.

Mike Krout – President / CEO

Legal References: Montana OPI School Bus Standards

SEAT – LAP AND SHOULDER BELTS FOR STUDENT SEATING

- 1. Any new school bus that is put into service after the effective date of this new standard must be ordered with a lap and shoulder belt system. The seat and lap/shoulder belting system shall meet the requirement of FMVSS 222, Compartmentalization for the protection of students that may not be restrained. This seat and seat anchorage must meet or exceed all government safety standards*
- 2. Used buses may not be retrofitted to include lap/shoulder belts unless the bus was built "seat belt ready" or with removable restraints by the school bus manufacturer.*
- 3. Lap belts shall not be installed on passenger seats in large school buses (over 10,000 pounds GVWR) except in conjunction with child safety restraint systems that comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 213, Child Restraint Systems.*
- 4. Adhering with the requirements listed above, three-point lap/shoulder seat belts may be installed in large school buses (over 10,000 pounds GVWR).*
- 5. If a school bus is equipped with lap and shoulder belts for students in accordance with FMVSS No 222, then a child being transported in a seat with lap/shoulder belt must be properly restrained with a lap/shoulder belt.*