

Child Passenger Safety and Education

Policy

Arrowhead Head Start uses current best practices when transporting children and educates parents and children about transportation and pedestrian safety.

Procedure

- Whenever children are transported by Arrowhead Head Start or a contracted provider, a restraint system appropriate for a child's height and weight is used.
- Any car seat used by Head Start must also meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213.
- Staff serving as bus monitors satisfactorily complete training on the proper use and installation of child restraint systems at orientation and at least every five years thereafter.
- Several times each year, all families receive safety information about transportation and child passenger safety tailored to fit the age and stage of their children. Both parents and their children are involved in the education.
- Families at sites where transportation is provided must attend a pedestrian/bus safety orientation before their children are allowed to ride the bus to and from school.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45CFR Section 1310.11 and 1310.21 and Minnesota Department of Human Services Child Care Center Licensing.

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