Sudbury Student Services Consortium
de services aux élèves de Sudbury

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Policy	In accordance with *Ontario's Highway Traffic Act,* the Sudbury Student Services Consortium is responsible to ensure that school bus vehicles that are equipped with integrated seats, five-point harnesses and seatbelts are used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight limits as well as with Bill 73 – *An Act to Enhance the Safety of Children and Youth on Ontario's Roads.*
Operational Procedure	The Sudbury Student Services Consortium will assign the following seats: • When available, the built-in restraint system with a 5-point harness will be assigned to students who are in Junior or Senior Kindergarten. When these are unavailable, these students will be assigned to 3-point passenger seatbelts; • When available, the 3-point passenger seatbelts will be assigned to students who are in Kindergarten to grade 12. • The manufacturer's recommended maximum weight for the built-in restraint system with a 5-point harness is 22 to 85 lbs. According to the Highway Traffic Act, "no person shall drive on a highway a motor vehicle in which there is a passenger who is under 16 years old unless, that passenger occupies a seating position for which a seat belt assembly has been provided, and is wearing the complete seat belt assembly as required." School bus monitors will be trained to assist students assigned to integrated seats (five-point harness) and/or 3-point passenger seatbelts. In the absence of school bus monitors, students, parents, guardians and/or schools will be responsible of ensuring students are secured in their 5-point harness or seatbelts. Students who do not remain secured in their five-point harness seats and/or seatbelts will receive an infraction report and may lose their transportation privilege.