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As we notice how our students are growing and learning each day at SCS, we are mindful that this growth does not change the need for a child safety seat. We wanted to take this opportunity to share the following guidelines from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles in order to help ensure safety for all of our young learners.

*Please know that as mandated reporters, it is our obligation to notify the Department of Children and Families if we observe a situation when a child safety seat is required, but not being used.*

## **Child Car Seat Laws**

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Current law requires children must ride in a proper child safety seat, in the backseat, until they reach certain age *AND* weight thresholds.

- Infants must ride in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 2 years old *AND* 30 lbs.
- Toddlers must remain in a forward-facing, five-point harness car seat until they are at least 5 years *AND* 40 lbs.
- Children should ride in a booster seat until they're at least 8 years old *AND* 60 lbs. They must have both a lap-belt and a shoulder restraint.

Failing to follow the child safety seat rules can result in a fine and an order to complete a car seat education class.

It is recommended that children under 13 years old ride in the backseat.

<https://www.dmv.org/ct-connecticut/safety-laws.php>