rsters must be maintained at all
times to ensure that no child is left be-
hind, either at the classroom or on the
vehicle at the end of the route.

§ 1310.11 Child Restraint Systems.
(a) Effective June 21, 2004, each agen-
cy providing transportation services
must ensure that each vehicle used to
transport children receiving such serv-
ces is equipped for use of height- and
weight-appropriate child safety re-
straint systems.
(b) [Reserved]
[69 FR 2517, Jan. 16, 2004, as amended at 71
FR 58535, Oct. 4, 2006]

§ 1310.12 Required use of School Buses
or Allowable Alternate Vehicles.
(a) Effective December 30, 2006, each
agency providing transportation serv-
ces must ensure that children enrolled
in its program are transported in
school buses or allowable alternate ve-
hicles that are equipped for use of height-
and weight-appropriate child restraint systems, and that have re-
verse beepers. As provided in 45 CFR
1310.2(a), this paragraph does not apply
to transportation services to children served under the home-based option for
Head Start and Early Head Start.
(b) Effective February 20, 2001, each
Head Start and Early Head Start agen-
cy receiving permission from the re-
sponsible HHS official to purchase a
vehicle with grant funds for use in pro-
viding transportation services to chil-
dren in its program or a delegate agen-
cy’s program must ensure that the
funds are used to purchase a vehicle
that is either a school bus or an allow-
able alternate vehicle and is equipped
(1) for use of height- and weight-app-
ropriate child restraint systems; and
(2) with a reverse beeper.
(c) As provided in 45 CFR 1310.2(a),
paragraph (b) of this section does not
apply to vehicles purchased for use in
transporting children served under the
home-based option for Head Start and
Early Head Start.
[66 FR 5311, Jan. 18, 2001, as amended at 71
FR 58535, Oct. 4, 2006]

§ 1310.13 Maintenance of vehicles.
Each agency providing transpor-
tation services must ensure that vehi-
cles used to provide such services are
maintained in safe operating condition
at all times. The organization oper-
ating the vehicle must establish and
implement procedures for:
(a) a thorough safety inspection of
each vehicle on at least an annual basis
through an inspection program li-
censed or operated by the State;
(b) systematic preventive main-
tenance on such vehicles; and
(c) daily pre-trip inspection of the ve-
hicles by the driver.

§ 1310.14 Inspection of new vehicles at
the time of delivery.
Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that bid announcements for school buses and al-
lowable alternate vehicles for use in
transporting children in its program
include the correct specifications and a
clear statement of the vehicle’s in-
tended use. Such agencies must ensure
that there is a prescribed procedure for
examining such vehicles at the time of
delivery to ensure that they are
equipped in accordance with the bid
specifications and that the manufac-
turer's certification of compliance with
the applicable FMVSS is included with
the vehicle.

§ 1310.15 Operation of vehicles.
Each agency providing transportation services, either directly or
through an arrangement with another
organization or an individual, to chil-
dren enrolled in its program must en-
sure that:
(a) Effective October 1, 2006, on a ve-
hicle equipped for use of such devices,
any child enrolled in a Head Start or
Early Head Start program is seated in
a child restraint system appropriate to
the child’s height and weight while the
vehicle is in motion.
(b) Baggage and other items trans-
ported in the passenger compartment
are properly stored and secured and the
aisles remain clear and the doors and
emergency exits remain unobstructed
at all times.
(c) Effective June 21, 2004, there is at
least one bus monitor on board at all
times, with additional bus monitors
provided as necessary, such as when
needed to accommodate the needs of
children with disabilities. As provided