



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Module 11

### Other Vehicles

#### Why the change in the school bus statistic?

School bus crash data collection quality and interpretation of the data varies among resources resulting in different conclusions. For consistency, as of December 2016, NHTSA and the school transportation industry leadership agreed to use the following statistic moving forward:

- “Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus than when traveling by car.” (*Technician Guide* page 11-1 and PowerPoint slide 11-3)

#### Why can't booster seats be used on school buses?

The school bus seat lap-and-shoulder belt system has adjustment features to provide proper fit for the average kindergartner. The addition of a booster seat on a school bus seat with a stiffer seat cushion places the child in a less stable position at a higher center of gravity with decreased excursion room in a crash. If proper fit on a small child cannot be attained with the school bus seat lap-and-shoulder belt, then the child should be secured in five-point child restraint system, either integrated or add-on.