

In an effort to ensure the safety of all students, Marion PD and McDowell County Schools, are reminding parents to make sure that their child is restrained in the car rider line until the vehicle comes to a complete stop. Once the vehicle is stopped the child may be allowed to exit the vehicle. All staff members work to make the car rider line move as efficiently as possible because we know that parents have to continue with their daily routines, however at no time can we jeopardize the safety of any student.

Law Enforcement Officers, including School Resource Officers, will be ensuring that these laws are followed and will be stepping up our efforts to keep students safe while inside the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding the laws pertaining to child restraints, or to the restraint system you may have such as car seats, booster seats, seat belt placements, etc, please contact your School Resource Officer. We are always here to assist in any way

Mike Hensley - Marion Elementary

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\*N.C. General Statute 20-137.1 pertains to the use of child restraint systems for vehicles. This statute states that any driver of a vehicle which is transporting children under the age of 16 shall ensure that the child is secured inside the vehicle using the appropriate device for the child's age and size. This statute is enforceable on all streets and highways and is also enforceable in parking lots. This would include the car rider lines at all McDowell County Schools.