

Booster to Belts Guide

Welcome to the Booster to Belts program! We have included this “how to” guide to help you prepare, plan and implement Booster to Belts in your community. If you still have questions after you read this guide, please contact the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office (KTSRO) at 800-416-2522. Thanks for participating in Boosters to Belts, we hope you enjoy bringing this life saving information to the children of your community!

Why?

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Child Observational Safety Belt study, only 84% of children age 5-9 (average booster seat age), are buckling up. For this reason, KTSRO developed Booster to Belts as a fun and interactive way to encourage children in kindergarten through 3rd grade to learn the importance of buckling up and using a booster seat.

Seatbelts are designed for adults and booster seats are designed to help children fit the seatbelt correctly. So a booster seat literally BOOSTS a child up! It is important for children and their families to know the importance of booster seats in keeping children safe in a crash.

Who?

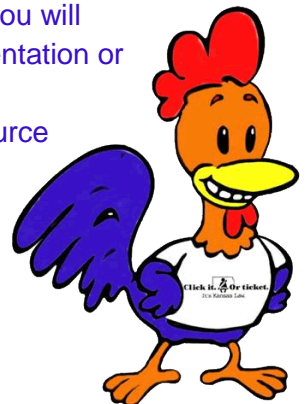
Boosters to Belts is intended for kindergarten through 3rd grade. For the Booster to Belts presentation reimbursement, participants must conduct a Booster to Belts presentation for all 4 grade levels. That can be all at once, in an auditorium, for example, or it can be in smaller group, such as by grade level.

How?

Each school is going to be a little bit different, but below are some steps you should take to plan the Booster to Belts presentation in your community.

1. Contact your elementary school principal talk to them about the Booster to Belts presentation, request their permission and help in planning the program. Make sure you are able to answer all of the questions in the application.
 - 1) The Booster to Belts presentation lasts approximately 20 minutes. You will need time to set up (a computer and projector are needed for the PowerPoint presentation) as well as allowing time for children to enter if that is applicable.
 - 2) At this point you will need to decide how many students/grades you will present to at once. Again, you may choose to do one large presentation or several smaller ones.
2. Apply for Booster to Belts program from the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office on their website.

<https://www.ktsro.org/booster-to-belts-application>



3. Once you are approved by KTSRO to complete the presentations, they will send supplies based on the number of children in the application. Before completing the presentation, make sure you have everything you need.
 - a) Computer
 - b) Projector
 - c) Booster to Belts Kit
 - i. Booster to Belts PowerPoint presentation
 - ii. Booster Rooster Dog Tags for kids
 - iii. Booster Rooster educational materials for teachers
4. Review the PowerPoint presentation. The notes section of each slide provides the information you will present to the children. Be sure to practice.
5. Invite the community! School Resource Officers, law enforcement and media are all members of the community who can help spread your message! Don't forget to take pictures!
6. Time to present! Remember, this is intended to be FUN! So be excited and animated. When it's time to yell "BUCKLE UP!" let the kids see how much fun you're having too! Don't forget to give the Educator Packet to the kids' teachers.
7. Once your presentation(s) are completed, fill out the Program Completion Form on the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office website and send a few pictures of your team during the presentation and submit to ktsro@dcca.org. Once the Completion form and photos are turned in, KTSRO will reimburse your organization for your presentation.

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Remember, our goal is always to keep kids safe and in bringing the Booster to Belts message to your community, you are helping to make each and every one of those kids safe!

If you have additional questions, please contact us at the information below. Good luck and enjoy Booster Rooster and the Booster to Belts program!

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