

# [ NOTEWORTHY ] AUGUST

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## CARLINES AND CAR SEATS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Beep beep! Our favorite part of the school year is about to be in full swing -- car lines (kidding!). Here are some

tips to ensure your elementary

kiddos are riding through them safely and securely:

**1/ Kids should ride in a five-point harness until they outgrow it (until at least age**

5). Check your car seat manual for graduation guidelines specific to your little's height and weight.

**2/ For your high-back booster riders,** make sure the belt guide is in proper use and the shoulder AND lap belts are routed under the booster's armrest.

**3/ Slow down!** No-back boosters are only an option for kids aged 8+ for a reason. More mature kiddos can sit properly for the entire ride, allowing a seatbelt to be most effective in the event of a crash.

**4/ Adult seatbelts are for adults.** Kids should pass the 5-step test before riding without a booster and are typically at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall (and between the ages of 10-12) before they graduate to an adult seatbelt.

**5/ The front seat is for teenagers!** While our kids may like to think they're adults (eye roll), their undeveloped bones and muscles are not ready for the impact of a 200 mph airbag.

**6/ If the car is moving, your child should not be.** Make sure kids stay buckled until it's their turn to hop out.

**7/ When it's time for pickup, don't drive away until all kids are seated and buckled in properly.** If teachers are motioning you to get a move on, find the nearest spot to safely pull over, adjust harnesses and check booster riders' seatbelt positioning.

**8/ If any child is riding in your car, you're responsible for their safety. Before they jump in, determine all safe seating positions in the vehicle and purchase additional car seat safety devices for carpooling.**



## Don't miss THE COOLEST SCHOOL STUFF

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING HAS NEVER BEEN MORE FUN WITH NEW PRODUCTS RELEASED EACH YEAR! We're sharing some of our favorite things that we've come across for this school year shoes to the lunch box. Here's what tops our lists.

### LUNCH BAGS

Dabbawalla literally translates into lunch box carrier! Our favorite things about these adorable lunch bags: They are machine-washable and made from sustainable materials. The bags feel like neoprene, but they're not—they are made from an environmentally friendly alternative that is biodegradable and free of toxins. [dabbawallabags.com](http://dabbawallabags.com)



\$30

### LUNCHSKINS PAPER SANDWICH BAGS

We came across these at Target and were thrilled to find an alternate to plastic baggies. It's a great way to

reduce your family's use of single use plastics.

The bags are not only recyclable and compostable, they are also sealable. There are cute designs to choose from too! Lunchskins also makes dishwasher safe reusable bags if you'd rather go that route.

[lunchskins.com](http://lunchskins.com)



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### SAUCONY'S FLASH GLOW SHOES

We love these shoes so much! Light up shoes are still the rage among some kids, but what makes these Saucony Flash Glow shoes different is that they were not only built for comfort, but also have an on/off button. There are several colors to choose from for girls and boys. [saucony.com](http://saucony.com)



\$34.95

### KEDS' KICKSTART MESSAGING SHOES

Instantly caught our eye. We love the girl power messaging on this classic shoe brand. Choose between the #BFF pattern featuring a unicorn and rainbows, or the #BRAVE shoe with 'I am the Future' messaging on the back. [keds.com](http://keds.com)