Q: What is the best way for a school age child to travel?

A: For best practice, school age children are best protected in a 5pt harness car seat forward-facing until they reach either the weight or height limit of their car seat. Once the child outgrows their car seat, they should use a booster seat until the seat belt fits the child without the booster seat. This could be anywhere between 8 and 12 years of age and about 57 inches tall. The 5 step test is a great way for parents to determine when a child is ready to transition from a booster seat and a seat belt to just a seat belt.

Q: What are the state laws for Missouri and Kansas regarding car seat, booster seat, and seat belt use?
Q: What websites can I refer families to for updated and accurate information related to child passenger safety?

A:

https://ucsg.safekids.org/
https://carseat.org/parents-and-caregivers/