



Thank you so much for your generous support in funding Atlas Prep's car seat initiative. Last year, our elementary staff noticed many families with small children driving to school without proper car seats and booster seats. Over 95% of the Atlas community is considered to be low-income and qualifies for free or reduced lunch, so the cost of obtaining car seats and boosters for children can be substantially cost prohibitive. Additionally, there is a cultural aspect influencing families' knowledge around the importance and benefits of correct car seat usage.

As a school committed to serving the whole child- beyond simply providing a quality academic courses- we will always fight for our students physical and mental wellness in and outside of school. Atlas saw these gaps as a key way to provide our families with resources and education to support the safety of their children, our students.

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, Atlas hosted our first Family Conferences of the year. Like many school conferences, these serve as an opportunity for families to meet their students' teachers, as well as talk through successes and growth spots. We place a high value on family involvement and investment in our students' success, and acknowledge that for many families, and this year over 87% of students' families were able to attend.

Since this was a time when families were already coming to the school, we saw it as a great opportunity to also facilitate our carseat education and pick up event. Three weeks before conferences, we reached out to all families to collect information about who was interested. We received responses from 22 families interested in a total of 35 car seats or boosters, and were able to purchase enough for all these families.



The day of the event, we partnered with Safe Kids Colorado with Children's Hospital to provide installation and use lessons as parents picked up their carseats to ensure not only access to car safety tools, but also access to the information to use these seats effectively. All of these sessions were offered in both English and Spanish, and 13 families attended leaving with their new car seats that day. The rest have been coming to our office to pick up their car seats, where we are also providing links to installation instruction videos in both English and Spanish. During the event, we noticed a number of families interested in the program who had not signed up, so over the next few months, we plan to order some more and connect these families with the resources they need to keep their children safe.

We could not have provided this opportunity to our families without your support, and are incredibly grateful for your commitment to the safety and well being of our students.

Sincerely,

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