

## 《甘肃各地校车被要求装GPS》

自上个月中国西北甘肃省严重校车事故致19人死亡后，当局展开了最新的加强学校交通安全的措施，当地学校被要求在校车上装GPS。

LANZHOU - Schools in northwest China's Gansu province were asked to install Global Position System (GPS) in school buses in the authorities' latest move to strengthen school transport safety after a fatal accident that killed 19 children last month.

The positioning equipment allows the transportation safety watchdogs to monitor the location and the speed of school buses, said education officials with provincial government on Saturday.

In addition, stricter rules are applied for school buses and their drivers. Schools must take responsibility of safe transportation of students while local work safety administrations, usually tasked to monitor work place safety, are asked to include school bus safety under their watch.

A nine-seat school bus illegally carrying 64 people collided head-on with a coal truck in Gansu on November 16, killing 19 preschoolers, two adults and injuring 43 others. The accident stirred up tremendous national concerns over the safety of school transportation sector.

Schools are few in the vast and sparsely populated rural areas of China. School buses are themselves relatively new, as children in years past would typically hike rugged roads to attend school.

Premier Wen Jiabao has called on government departments to "rapidly" draft safety regulations and standards for school buses while further improving the design, production and distribution of the vehicles.