

**Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy**

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Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from school and will be provided by the district for elementary (grades K-5) living more than one mile from the school they attend and for secondary students (grades 6-12) who will live more than one and one-half miles from the school they attend. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability will be made in accordance with the district's approved supplemental plan.

Elementary students receiving bus service shall not be required to walk more than one mile to their bus stop. Middle school and high school students shall not be required to walk more than one and one-half miles to their bus stop.

Transportation will be provided for an eligible student who attends a district school out of the student's attendance area because his/her home school has been identified as in need of improvement.

Transportation may be provided if the student is a victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends or the student attends a school identified as persistently dangerous.

Transportation may be provided for students receiving supplemental services under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Transportation may be provided to eligible students who transfer from a district school to an out-of-district school under a cooperative agreement because their home school has been identified as in need of improvement under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Students attending any private, parochial or public charter school under the compulsory school attendance laws will, where the private, parochial or public charter school is along or near the bus route, be provided equally the riding privileges given to public school students.

A seat that fully supports each person and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law must be provided at all times. A person who weighs 40 pounds or less must be properly secured with a child safety system that meets the minimum standards and specifications established by the Department of Transportation under ORS 815.055. A person who is less than eight years of age and weighs more than 40 pounds and how is four feet nine inches or shorter must be properly secured with a child safety systems that elevates the person so that a safety belt or safety vest properly fits the person¹. A person who is eight

¹"Proper fit" means the lap belt of the safety belt or harness is positioned low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck.

years of age or older or is taller than four feet nine inches must be properly secured with a safety belt or harness that meets the requirements under OR 815.055.

In accordance with ORS 811.210 and 811.215 vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds used for student transportation are exempt from statutory requirements unless the vehicles have been equipped with lap belts. Vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds that have been equipped with lap belts must meet child car seat requirements as set forth in law. Seating capacity will be in compliance with vehicle design and student grade levels.

Passengers on district-provided student transportation shall abide by the rules and regulations of the State of Oregon and the district governing the conduct on a school bus.

The district will provide written procedures on discipline to students and parents or guardians², for district-provided student transportation including provisions for suspension and expulsion. These discipline procedures will be in compliance with state administrative rules.

Parents or guardians have the right to appeal suspensions and expulsions to the superintendent and if not satisfied may be given a hearing with the Board.

The building principal or designee shall ensure transportation officials and drivers receive notification of students having special medical or behavioral protocols identified in student records.

Appropriate training related to specific protocols, including confidentiality requirements, will be provide to drivers.

Information and/or training, including confidentiality requirements, will be provided to drivers, as appropriate.

The school bus vehicle driver will be responsible for the school bus vehicle at all times from departure until return. The driver will not participate in any activities that might impair his/her driving abilities.

END OF POLICY

²As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, and adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005 (18).

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)
[ORS 327.033](#)
[ORS 327.043](#)
[ORS 332.405](#)
[ORS 332.415](#)
[ORS 339.240 to-339.250](#)

[ORS 343.155 to-343.246](#)
[ORS 343.533](#)
[ORS 343.155 to-343.243](#)
[ORS 811.210](#)
[ORS 811.215](#)
[ORS 815.055](#)
[ORS 815.080](#)
[ORS 820.100 to-820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-1530](#)
[OAR 581-023-0040](#)
[OAR 581-053-0002 to-0015](#)
[OAR 735-102-0010](#)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6315 (2006).

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2005).

Cross Reference(s):

EEAB - Transportation to Day Care Facilities
EEAC - School Bus Safety Program
EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses
EEAD - Bus and Vehicle Usage by the Public