

Student Transportation Services

Public charter school transportation services may be provided for public charter school-sponsored field trips that are extensions of classroom learning experiences.

A seat that fully supports each person and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law will 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 weighs more than 40 pounds, who is four feet nine inches or shorter and under eight years of age must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the person.¹ A person who is taller than four feet nine inches or eight years of age or older must be properly secured with a safety belt or harness that meets the requirements under ORS 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 they 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.

School buses carrying students will be considered extensions of the school experience. All students using public charter school transportation will abide by the code of conduct posted in each school bus or school activity vehicle. Violations of such code, as well as other conduct which is improper or which jeopardizes the safety of self or others, will be reported by the school bus driver to the public charter school staff. The public charter school staff will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate public charter school administrator of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the public charter school administrator.

The public charter school administrator 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 provided to drivers.

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

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

The public charter school will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus transportation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 327.006	ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.043	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 332.405	ORS 820.100 to-820.190	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.415		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 338.115 (j)	OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 339.240 to-339.250	OAR 581-022-1530	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 343.155 to-343.246	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 343.155 to-343.243	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver; July 18, 2012.

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

Cross Reference(s):

EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses