

Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from school and for transporting students to and from curricular or extracurricular activities sponsored by the district. Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the school of origin¹ as required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA). These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the Board.

Elementary students grades K-8 who live one mile or more from school will be transported. Secondary students grades 9-12 who live one and one-half or more miles from school will be transported. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability will be made in accordance with the district's approved supplementary plan.

Miles from school will be determined by the transportation supervisor in accordance with OAR 581-023-0040 (1)(c).

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 will be provided at all times. A person who is under four years of age or 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 at least four years of age and under six years of age or weighs between 40 and 60 pounds must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the person².

In accordance with ORS 811.210 and 811.215 vehicles used for student transportation in excess of 10,000 pounds are exempt from this requirement 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 extension of the school experience. All students using school transportation will abide by the code of conduct 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

¹"School of origin" means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled.

²"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 safety of self or others, will be reported by the school bus vehicle driver to the supervisor. The transportation supervisor will, as soon, as possible, inform the appropriate building principal of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the building principal and/or transportation supervisor.

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

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.

The district 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 343.155 - 343.246	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075
ORS 327.033	ORS 343.533	OAR 581-022-1530
ORS 327.043	ORS 811.210	OAR 581-023-0040
ORS 332.405	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0002 to -0015
ORS 332.415	ORS 815.080	OAR 735-102-0010
ORS 339.240 - 339.250	ORS 820.100 - 820.190	

Letter Opinion, Office of the Attorney General (Nov. 22, 1988).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Section 1116 and Title IX, Section 9532.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11431-11435.

Cross Reference(s):

EEAB - School Bus Scheduling and Routing

EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses