

## Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from school and for transporting students to and from curricular and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district, transporting from one school or facility to another, and school-sponsored field trips that are extensions of classroom learning experiences. Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the student's school of origin 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 more than one mile from school will be transported. Secondary students grades 9-12 who live more than one and one-half miles from school will be transported. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability will be made in accordance with the district's approved supplemental plan.

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

Students who are not normally eligible for transportation and who are certified by a doctor to be in need of transportation for medical reasons may ride buses, with the approval of the superintendent. This approval will be for the duration of the need. Periodic reports from a physician may be required if the need is for a long period of time.

Transportation will not be provided for resident students who have received approval to enroll in an out-of-district or out-of-attendance-area school.

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 provided there is sufficient space on the route.

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. 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 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 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 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 school vehicle driver will be responsible for the school 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):**

<a href="#">ORS 327.006</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.155 to-343.246</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.033</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.533</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-022-1530</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.043</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.155 to-343.243</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-023-0040</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.405</a>	<a href="#">ORS 811.210</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0002 to-0015</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.415</a>	<a href="#">ORS 811.215</a>	<a href="#">OAR 735-102-0010</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.240 to-339.250</a>	<a href="#">ORS 815.055</a>	
	<a href="#">ORS 815.080</a>	
	<a href="#">ORS 820.100 to-820.190</a>	

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):**

Policy EEAB - School Bus Scheduling and Routing

Policy EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses