

# Douglas Education Service District

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## Student Transportation Services

Generally, Douglas Education Service District (DESD) students will be transported to DESD facilities or place where DESD services are provided by using DESD's or a component school district's transportation system. Occasionally, a DESD student will be transported to a DESD facility or place where DESD services are provided by a DESD employee's vehicle if the following has occurred:

1. The appropriate program supervisor has approved the activity;
2. A permission slip signed by the student's parent(s) has been received by the appropriate program supervisor granting permission for the student to ride in a privately-owned vehicle;
3. The parent, DESD employee or other adult driving the vehicle is properly licensed to drive and has provided proof of insurance to the program supervisor. Such insurance shall meet or exceed minimum requirements as established by the state of Oregon and as may be set by administrative rules developed by the superintendent;
4. The vehicle contains an adequate number of seat restraints or wheel chair lockdowns, including, when applicable, a child safety system 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 Oregon Department of Transportation under ORS 815.055. A person over 40 pounds or who has reached the upper weight limit for the forward-facing car seat must use a booster seat until he/she is four feet nine inches tall or age eight and the adult belt properly fits.<sup>1</sup> 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. Training in the proper installation and use of seat restraints, wheel chair lockdowns and child safety systems may be required.

Aides or assistants that ride a school bus shall receiving training on emergency procedures and their role in the safe transportation of all students on the bus.

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<sup>1</sup>"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 superintendent shall have authority to create administrative regulations governing student transportation. Administrative regulations shall be published in a handbook and distributed to students and/or parents/guardians upon enrollment in a DESD program or activity. The Board shall review the handbook prior to the start of each new school year.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 327.006</a>	<a href="#">ORS 815.080</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0010</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.033</a>	<a href="#">ORS 820.100 to -820.190</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0031</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.043</a>		<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0040</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.405</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0053</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.415</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-022-1530</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0060</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.240 to -339.250</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-023-0040</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0070</a>
<a href="#">ORS 343.155 to -343.246</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-024-0240</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0210</a>
<a href="#">ORS 343.533</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-024-0275</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0220</a>
<a href="#">ORS 343.155 to -343.243</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0002</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0230</a>
<a href="#">ORS 811.210</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0003</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0240</a>
<a href="#">ORS 811.215</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0004</a>	<a href="#">OAR 735-102-0010</a>
<a href="#">ORS 815.055</a>		

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):**

EEAC - School Bus Safety Program

EEACC - Student Conduct in DESD Vehicles