

Eugene School District 4J

Code: **EEA**

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Orig. Code(s): 5640.1; 5640.3

Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from school, to and from curricular and noncurricular activities sponsored by the district and transporting from one school or facility to another. These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the Board.

For elementary students to receive bus transportation, they must reside one mile or more from school by the most direct route, as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule. For middle school students, transportation will be provided for those students who reside one and one-half miles or more from the school by the most direct route as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule.

High school transportation will not be provided for students who have available to them suitable and sufficient alternative transportation provided by Lane Transit District (LTD). High School students who reside more than one and one-half mile from school and from the nearest LTD route will be provided with district transportation.

Transportation may be provided for students who reside within the one or one and one-half mile limit for exceptionally hazardous walking conditions and for health and special education reasons. District-developed criteria for exceptionally hazardous conditions will include consideration of roadside walking conditions, street crossings, railroad crossings, and other significant safety factors. Exceptions must be included in the supplemental plan approved by the State Board of Education.

Elementary students residing within the one mile limit may fill empty seats on buses provided no change of route is required or established route times are not significantly impacted and permission is given by the transportation manager.

The district may also provide transportation using federal funds¹; or through cooperative agreements with local victims assistance units for a student to attend a safe district school² out of the student's attendance area for any student who 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.

If there are no other schools within the district a student may transfer to, the district may establish a cooperative agreement with other districts in the area for a transfer. Transportation for students who transfer for such purposes will be provided in accordance with the agreement.

¹Federal funds means funds available through Title IV, Part A, and Title V, Part A.

²If there is not another school in the district to which students can transfer, districts are encouraged, but not required, to explore other appropriate options, i.e., an agreement with a neighboring district.

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.

Preschool students with disabilities who have transportation as a related service and children from birth to age three who are enrolled in an eligible program shall be provided home to school transportation.

A seat that fully supports each person and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law will be provided at all times.

Students who become homeless and who continue to be district residents may be provided transportation to their school of origin as required by Every Student Succeeds Act of 2016.

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

The principal or designee shall ensure transportation officials receive notification of students having special medical or behavioral protocols identified in student records. Appropriate training and/or information related to specific medical/behavior protocols, including confidentiality requirements, will be provided to drivers.

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

The school bus or vehicle driver will be responsible for the school bus or 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.

Transportation Between Schools and Day-Care Facilities

The district seeks to assist parents, whenever possible, in providing safe, responsible day care for their school-aged children during non-school-working hours. The district will only provide transportation to daycare facilities with the school attendance boundaries and outside the one mile walking boundary. The district may make exceptions for hazardous walk areas.

The superintendent is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

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](#)

[OAR 581-053-0003](#)

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[OAR 581-053-0040](#)

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[OAR 581-053-0070](#)

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[OAR 581-053-0220](#)

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[OAR 581-053-0240](#)

[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).