

School Bus Safety Program

The district will ensure instruction for students in school bus safety and emergency evacuation procedures is provided. The following types of instruction will be provided:

1. Emergency evacuation through available emergency exits;
2. Safe operation of windows;
3. Awareness and knowledge of posted bus safety rules and regulations;
4. Location and proper use of fire extinguishers and other safety equipment.

Students who are regularly transported by the district will be provided such instruction within the first six weeks of each half of the school year. Students who are not regularly transported by the district will be given instruction at least once in the first half of each school year. The district will document and maintain records of the content and dates of instruction.

The number of students on a bus will not exceed vehicle capacity unless an unforeseen or unusual circumstance arises. Students will be provided fully supported seating at all times.

During adverse weather or other emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter bus schedules or temporarily suspend bus services. The superintendent or his/her designee will advise local radio stations and other media of any changes in bus schedules or services.

In the case of emergency or disaster, evacuation of students will be carried out according to the district's emergency plan.

The district's administration, as well as the contractor's safety committee comprising an accident review board, will study accidents involving district buses and will make recommendations to avoid similar accidents.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 811.210](#)
[ORS 815.055](#)
[ORS 815.080](#)
[ORS 820.105 - 820.190](#)

[OAR 437-002-0223](#)
[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-053-0002 to -0015](#)
[OAR 581-053-0512 to -0550](#)
[OAR 735-102-0100](#)

Cross Reference(s):

EBC/EBCA - Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans
EBCD - Emergency Closures