

Harney County Union High School District 1J

Code: **EEA**
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Student Transportation Services

The district does not provide bus transportation, rather it reimburses parents for transporting their children to and from school.

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

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.

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. 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.³ 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.

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

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.

³"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.

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 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 815.055	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 327.043	ORS 820.100 to-820.190	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.405		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.415	OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 339.240 to-339.250	OAR 581-022-1530	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 343.155 to-343.246	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 343.155 to-343.243	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010
ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010	

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).

Cross Reference(s):

EEAB - School Bus Scheduling and Routing

EEACC - Student Conduct on in District Vehicles