

Hours of Service of Drivers

Drivers of district transportation vehicles shall follow the rules and laws of the state of Oregon, Department of Transportation and school transportation contractor regulating the hours of service of drivers.

Driving Hour Limitations

1. A driver of a school bus must comply with one of the following two options:
 - a. No person shall drive a school bus or other student transporting vehicle more than ten total hours during any consecutive fifteen hour period. At the end of ten hours of driving or a fifteen hour period, whichever occurs first, the driver shall not again drive a school bus or student transporting vehicle until at least eight hours have elapsed;
 - b. The driver of a school bus or other student transporting vehicle, after driving a regular morning route transporting students from home to school, may again operate a bus or other student transporting vehicle, but not more than eight hours in a consecutive ten hour period or until midnight, whichever occurs first, provided the driver has at least four hours free from actual operation of a bus following the end of the morning route. To qualify under this provision the driver shall have been free from bus driving duties for at least eight consecutive hours prior to the regular morning route.
2. A driver shall not drive more than 3 hours continuously without taking at least a 15 minute break from driving duties.
3. Emergency extension of driving hours. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, e.g., mechanical breakdown, accident or adverse road conditions, a driver may complete the trip without being in violation of the provisions of this rule if such a trip could have been reasonably completed as originally scheduled without violation of this rule.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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