

Student Conduct on School Buses

ESD-operated school buses carrying students will be considered extensions of the ESD's school experience. All students using ESD transportation will abide by the code of conduct posted in each bus or activity vehicle. Violations of the code of conduct, as well as other conduct which is improper or which jeopardizes the safety of self or others, will be reported by the vehicle driver to the superintendent or designated administrator. The superintendent or designated administrator will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate program administrator of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the superintendent or designated administrator.

The vehicle driver will be responsible for the school vehicle at all times from departure until return. The driver will not participate in any activities that might impair his/her driving abilities.

The ESD will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus transportation.

The following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses:

1. Students being transported are under authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Students will use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous material on the bus;
6. Students will not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the bus;
7. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
8. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
10. Students will not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
11. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;

12. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
13. Students will not open or close windows without permission of the driver;
14. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passers-by;
16. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses;
17. Rules governing students riding school buses must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in all buses.

The superintendent will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding ESD buses or other forms of ESD transportation and for disciplinary procedures. Such regulations will be available to all parents.

Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of transportation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240 - 339.250](#)

[ORS 343.155 - 343.243](#)

[ORS 343.533](#)

[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

[OAR 581-024-0240](#)

[OAR 581-024-0275](#)

[OAR 581-053-0002 to -0015](#)

Letter Opinion, Office of the OR Attorney General (Nov. 22, 1988).

Cross Reference(s):

EEA - Student Transportation Services