

# Multnomah Education Service District

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## **Student Transportation Services Procedures and Guidelines\*\***

When transporting students to participate in MESD-sponsored functions, such as field trips, MESD shall arrange for publicly-owned vehicles which meet or exceed all standards applicable under state rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, child safety system requirements as set forth in ORS 811.210, 815.055 and 815.080 and OAR 735-102-0010.

A seat that fully supports each person and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law shall 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 Department of Transportation under ORS 815.055.

A person who weighs 40 pounds, who is four feet nine inches or shorter and under eight years of age shall be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the person.<sup>1</sup>

A person who is taller than four feet nine inches or eight years of age or older shall 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 shall meet child car seat requirements as set forth in law.

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<sup>1</sup>“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.