

**Multnomah Education
Service District**

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MESD Vehicles/Seat Belts/ Child Safety System**

All drivers operating MESD-owned vehicles shall use seat belts. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.

1. The driver of any MESD-owned vehicle, except school buses, is responsible for determining that the proper number of seat belts are available for the passengers and their use is required;
2. A child who weighs 40 pounds or less, regardless of age, must be properly secured with a child safety system. The child safety system must elevate the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the individual and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law;
3. Additionally, the driver shall ensure that children who weigh more than 40 pounds, who are four feet nine inches or shorter, and under eight years of age are properly secured in a child safety system that must elevate the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the individual and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law;
4. 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;
5. A MESD vehicle more than 10,000 pounds or equipped with a lap belt only is exempt from child safety system requirements;
6. The vehicles shall not be driven until the driver and all passengers are buckled up and properly secured; and
7. The driver is responsible for not placing children under the age of 13 in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with passenger-side air bags.