

Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided students to and from school and for transporting students to and from curricular and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district, transporting from one school or facility to another and school sponsored field trips that are extensions of classroom learning experiences. Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the school of origin¹ as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the Board. The district will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus transportation.

Students living within specified attendance boundaries of their respective schools are eligible to ride a school bus to and from school. Transportation services will be provided to all resident elementary students who live more than one (1) mile from their assigned attendance unit and more than a mile and a half (1 1/2) for similar services to secondary students. In addition, students, including those receiving special education, may be eligible for special transportation for health or safety reasons.

Miles from school will be determined by the transportation coordinator in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-023-0040(1)(e).

The district may use Type-10 School Activity Vehicles to transport students from home to school, school to home and from district-sponsored activities.

The district may also provide transportation using federal funds² or through cooperative agreements with local victims assistance units for a student to attend a safe district school 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.

Students attending any private, parochial or public charter school under the compulsory school attendance laws will, where the private or parochial school is along or near the bus route, be provided equally the riding privileges given to public school students.

¹“School of origin” means a school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled.

When the student has completed the final grade served by the school of origin, the term “school of origin” shall include the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.

²Federal funds means funds available through Title IV, Part A, and Title V, Part A.

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 Department of Transportation under Oregon Revised Statute (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 or 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 used for student transportation in excess of 10,000 pounds are exempt from this requirement 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.

School buses carrying students will be considered extensions of the school experience. All students using school transportation will abide by the code of conduct posted in each bus or school activity vehicle. Violations of such code, as well as other conduct which is improper or which jeopardizes the safety of self or others may result in the students loss of transportation privileges. The superintendent will develop procedures for reporting bus riding violations and guidelines for disciplinary action.

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

Appropriate training related to specific protocols will be provided to drivers including confidentiality requirements.

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

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END OF POLICY

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.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)
[ORS 327.033](#)
[ORS 327.043](#)
[ORS 332.405](#)
[ORS 332.415](#)
[ORS 339.240 to -339.250](#)
[ORS 343.155 to -343.246](#)
[ORS 343.533](#)
[ORS 811.210](#)
[ORS 811.215](#)
[ORS 815.055](#)

[ORS 815.080](#)
[ORS 820.100 to -820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-2345](#)
[OAR 581-023-0040](#)
[OAR 581-053-0002](#)
[OAR 581-053-0003](#)
[OAR 581-053-0004](#)
[OAR 581-053-0010](#)

[OAR 581-053-0031](#)
[OAR 581-053-0040](#)
[OAR 581-053-0053](#)
[OAR 581-053-0060](#)
[OAR 581-053-0070](#)
[OAR 581-053-0210](#)
[OAR 581-053-0220](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230](#)
[OAR 581-053-0240](#)
[OAR 735-102-0010](#)

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912 (2015).
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2015).

Cross Reference(s):

EEAC - School Bus Safety Program
EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses
EEAD - Special Use of School Buses