

Student Transportation Services

Public charter school transportation services will be provided for students to and from public charter school and for transporting students to and from curricular and extracurricular activities sponsored by the public charter school public charter school-sponsored field trips that are extensions of classroom learning experiences. Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the student's school of origin¹ as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the public charter school board.

Secondary students in grades 9-12 who live more than one and one-half miles from public charter school will be transported. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability will be made in accordance with the public charter school's approved supplemental plan.

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 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/she is four feet nine inches tall or age eight and the adult belt properly fits.² 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 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 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 public charter school transportation will abide by the code of conduct posted in each school 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, will be reported by the school bus or vehicle driver to the transportation supervisor. The transportation supervisor will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate public charter school administrator of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the public charter school administrator and/or transportation supervisor.

¹"School of origin" means the school that a 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.

²"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.

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.

The public charter school administrator 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, including confidentiality requirements, will be provided to drivers.

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 327.006	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0010
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.043	ORS 820.100 to -820.190	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 332.405		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.415	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 338.145	OAR 581-022-2345	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 343.155 to -343.246	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912 (2015).

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2015).

Cross Reference(s):

EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses