

## **Student Transportation Services**

School transportation services will be provided students who are residents of the District, 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 also be provided for homeless students to and from the student's school of origin as required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA).

These services shall be provided through the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the Board. Only assigned students and adults authorized by the superintendent or designee shall be allowed to ride such district provided transportation.

Students living within specified attendance boundaries of their respective schools are eligible to ride a school bus to and from school. In addition, students, including those receiving special education, may be eligible for transportation for health or safety reasons.

Miles from school will be determined by the district in accordance with an applicable rule and/or law.

The District shall adhere to statutory requirements that students grades K-8 who live one mile from school and students grades 9-12 who live one and one-half mile from school shall be transported. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability can be made upon approval by the State Board of Education or a supplemental transportation plan. In addition, bus stops may be designated in locations up to one-half mile from a student's residence when the safety of the student is maintained. Miles from school shall be determined in accordance with applicable regulations.

Transportation services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day, as determined by the Board. However, transportation shall not be provided for resident students who have received approval to attend an out-of-district or out-of-attendance area school.

School transportation vehicles, whether lease/owned by the District or by the contracting agent, shall meet the safety standards for construction, equipment, and usage of school vehicles, as mandated by the State Department of Education.

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 school bus and 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 to the school bus or vehicle driver to the supervisor. The supervisor will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate building principal of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the building principal and/or supervisor.

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

Information and/or training will be provided to drivers, as appropriate, including confidentiality requirements.

The 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 district will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus services.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 327.006</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.155 - 343.246</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.033</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.533</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-022-1530</a>
<a href="#">ORS 327.043</a>	<a href="#">ORS 343.155 - 343.243</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-023-0040</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.405</a>	<a href="#">ORS 811.210</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0002 to -0015</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.415</a>	<a href="#">ORS 815.055</a>	<a href="#">OAR 735-102-0010</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.240 - 339.250</a>	<a href="#">ORS 815.080</a>	
	<a href="#">ORS 820.100 - 820.190</a>	

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

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 6315 (2006).

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2005).

**Cross Reference(s):**

EEAB-School Bus Scheduling and Routing

EEACC-Student Conduct on School Buses

EEAD-Special Use of School Bus