

Student Transportation Regulations

In addition to the rules adopted by the Oregon Department of Education, local districts are authorized to adopt and enforce the following regulations that will govern student conduct on school buses and Type 10 School Activity Vehicles if used for transporting students from home to school, school to home and from district with the intent to further enhance a safe, comfortable and efficient transportation system.

Therefore, the Board adopts the following rules to supplement the state rules:

1. Large items which cannot be safely transported while held in a student's lap are prohibited;
2. Students shall not interfere with any of the school bus operating controls except as instructed by the driver;
3. Students shall be at their regular bus stop at least three minutes prior to the posted time schedule;
4. Students shall not damage or attempt to damage public or private property at any time;
5. Students shall accept rider registration cards, citations for misconduct and other forms; these forms must be completed and returned as indicated;
6. Due to the possibility of school bus mechanical failure or accident during inclement weather conditions, students shall wear clothing that is compatible with the current season of the year. Periodically students shall participate in school bus evacuation drills, and students will be instructed as to the type of clothing that should be worn the day of the drill;
7. Students waiting in a bus stop area are expected to abide by all the preceding rules; the rules apply at the bus stop as well as on the bus.

Restrictions on Cargo and Passengers

School buses shall transport only students or persons authorized by the district office while making the regular route. School officials may authorize other persons to ride in the school buses on special occasions having to do with school affairs.

Large musical instruments, large bags of uniforms and other bulky baggage will not be allowed on school buses except for special trips where necessary arrangements are made in advance.

Students carrying baggage will be allowed on buses only if they are capable of holding the item(s) they are carrying. If the baggage requires extra seating space or must be left in the aisle, they will be refused passage. Space under the seats may be utilized.

Glass containers will not be allowed on school buses. Glass containers inside a lunch box will be acceptable.

Consumption of food or beverages while aboard school buses is prohibited. This regulation may be waived by cooperative agreement between the driver and teacher on trips other than to and from school when conditions exist that make it feasible to do so.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

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

[OAR 581-053-0004](#)
[OAR 581-053-0010](#)
[OAR 581-053-0210](#)

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

Cross Reference(s):

EEA - Student Transportation Services