

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, transporting from one public charter school or public charter school facility to another and 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 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA). These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the executive director.

Students living within specified attendance boundaries shall receive transportation services to their respective public charter school schools. In addition, students, including those receiving special education, may be eligible for transportation for health or safety reasons.

Miles from public charter school will be determined by the transportation supervisor in accordance with OAR 581-023-0040 (1)(c).

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

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

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

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.

supervisor. The transportation supervisor will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate public charter school executive director of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the public charter school executive director.

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 executive director 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.

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 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.043	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 332.405	ORS 820.100 to -820.190	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.415		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 338.115 (j)	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 339.240 to -339.250	OAR 581-022-1530	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 343.155 to -343.243	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver; July 18, 2012.

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

Cross Reference(s):

EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses