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Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from school and for transporting students to and from curricular and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district. Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the student's 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.

Students in grades K through 5 will be eligible for bus service at intermittently scheduled stops if they reside one mile or farther from their school. In compact elementary attendance areas, only perimeter routes will be used. Students may be required to walk out to bus stops.

Students in grades 6 through 12 will be eligible for bus service at intermittently scheduled stops if they reside one and one-half mile or farther from their school.

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

Transportation will be provided to a student of a school receiving Title IA funds to attend a district school out of the student's attendance area because his/her home school has been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring. Such transfers will be permitted and transportation provided only to a safe school that has not been identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring. The obligation of the district to provide for transportation will terminate at the end of the school year if the school from which the student transferred is no longer in school improvement.

In the event all other district schools a student may transfer to have also been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring or there is no other district school to which the student may transfer², the district shall, to the extent practicable, establish a cooperative agreement with other districts

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.

²If there are no district schools to which students can transfer because: (1) all schools at a grade level are in school improvement; (2) there is only one school in the district; or (3) the rural or isolated nature of the district prevents choice, the district must notify the parents that the student's school has been identified for school improvement but that no choices are currently available.

in the area for a transfer. Transportation for students who transfer for such purposes will be provided for in accordance with the agreement³.

The district may also provide transportation using federal funds⁴ or through cooperative agreements with local victims assistance units for a student to attend a safe district school⁵ 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.

Transportation provided will, to the extent possible, be to a school that is making adequate yearly progress and that has not been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring. 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, parochial or public charter school is along or near the bus route, be provided equally the riding privileges given to public school students.

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 who weighs more than 40 pounds, who is four feet nine inches or shorter and under eight years of age must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the person.⁶ 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 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 vehicle driver to the principal or supervisor. The transportation supervisor will, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate principal of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the principal and/or transportation supervisor.

³Interdistrict transportation under NCLBA does not appear to be a district responsibility. Districts should consult with their attorney.

⁴Federal funds" means funds available through Title IV, Part A, and Title V, Part A.

⁵If there is not another school in the district to which students can transfer, districts are encouraged, but not required to, explore other appropriate options, i.e., an agreement with a neighboring district.

⁶"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.

The superintendent 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 school bus vehicle driver will be responsible for the school bus 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 transportation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 327.006	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 327.043	ORS 820.100 to-820.190	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.405		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.415	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
ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010	

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).