

# Scio School District 95

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## School Bus Safety Program

The superintendent or designee will ensure instruction for all students in school bus safety and emergency evacuation procedures is provided. Drivers shall assist in the instruction. The following types of instruction will be given:

1. Emergency evacuation through available emergency exits;
2. Planned and orderly evacuation of the school bus in case of emergency, including participation in actual evacuation drills.
3. Safe operation of windows;
4. Awareness and knowledge of posted bus safety rules and regulations;
5. Location and proper use of fire extinguishers;
6. Safe school bus riding procedures, including but not limited to loading, unloading, crossing, etc.

Students that walk, ride the bus or are picked up that are in kindergarten or first grade will only be released to an adult the child recognizes, that is supposed to be supervising them, unless they are with an older sibling. The superintendent or designee may consider requests by the parent/guardian, in writing, for alternate arrangements.

Students who are regularly transported by the district will be provided such instruction within the first six weeks of each half of the school year. Students who are not regularly transported by the district will be given instruction at least once in the first half of each school year. The district will document and maintain records of the content and dates of instruction.

Buses will not exceed vehicle design capacity for seating at any time unless an unforeseen or unusual circumstance arises. Passengers will be provided a seat that fully supports them. 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 four feet nine inches or age eight and the adult belt properly fits.<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> "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.

and 811.215 vehicles used for student transportation in excess of 10,000 pounds are exempt from this requirement 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.

During adverse weather conditions, the superintendent or designee may alter bus schedules or temporarily suspend bus services. The superintendent or his/her designee will advise local radio stations and other media of any changes in bus schedules or services.

In the case of emergency or disaster, evacuation of students will be carried out according to the district's emergency plan.

A safety committee will study accidents involving district buses and will make recommendations to avoid similar accidents.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 811.210</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0004</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0410</a>
<a href="#">ORS 811.215</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0010</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0420</a>
<a href="#">ORS 815.055</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0021</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0430</a>
<a href="#">ORS 815.080</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0031</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0440</a>
<a href="#">ORS 820.100 to-820.190</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0210</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0445</a>
	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0240</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0510</a>
<a href="#">OAR 437-002-0220 to-0227</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0310</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0520</a>
<a href="#">OAR 581-022-1420</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0320</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0530</a>
<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0002</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0330</a>	<a href="#">OAR 735-102-0010</a>
<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0003</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0340</a>	

**Cross Reference(s):**

EBC/EBCA - Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans  
EEA - Student Transportation Services  
EBCD - Emergency Closures