

Vale School District 84

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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 transporting from one school or facility to another 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 Board.

Elementary students grades K-8 who live more than one mile from school will be transported. Secondary students grades 9-12 who live more than one and one-half miles from school will be transported. Mileage exceptions for health, safety or disability will be made in accordance with the district's approved supplemental plan.

The district may also provide transportation using federal funds² or through cooperative agreements with local victims assistance units for a student to attend a safe district schools³ 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.

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

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

²Federal funds means funds available through Title IV, part A, and Title V, Part A.

³If there is no 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.

or others, will be reported by the school vehicle driver to the transportation supervisor. The transportation 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 transportation supervisor. The building principal or designee shall ensure transportation officials and drivers receive notification of students having special medical or behavioral protocols identified in student records.

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

The school vehicle driver will be responsible for the school 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 327.033](#)
[ORS 327.043](#)
[ORS 332.405](#)
[ORS 332.415](#)
[ORS 339.240 - 339.250](#)

[ORS 343.155 - 343.246](#)
[ORS 343.533](#)
[ORS 343.155 - 343.243](#)
[ORS 811.210](#)
[ORS 815.055](#)
[ORS 815.080](#)
[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-1530](#)
[OAR 581-023-0040](#)
[OAR 581-053-0002 to -0015](#)
[OAR 735-102-0010](#)

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).