

Vernonia School District 47J

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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, and 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 origin 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 superintendent.

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

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

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.

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.

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 weights 40 pounds or less must be property 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 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 . 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. 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 driver to their 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 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.

Appropriate training related to specific protocols, including confidentiality requirements, will be provided to drivers.

The school bus driver will be responsible for the school bus at all times from departure until return. The driver will not participate in any activities that might impair his/her driving abilities.

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 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 815.080	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.033	ORS 820.100 to -820.190	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 327.043		OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.405	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075	OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.415	OAR 581-022-2345	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 339.240 to -339.250	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 343.155 to -343.246	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010	OAR 735-102-0010
ORS 815.055		

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912 (2012).
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2012).

Cross Reference(s):

ECAC - Video Surveillance
EEAB - School Bus Scheduling and Routing
EEAC - School Bus Safety Program
EEACC - Student Conduct on District Transportation