

### **Student Transportation Services**

School transportation services will be provided for students within the limitations of available resources for transporting 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 origin<sup>1</sup> as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled year and during the regular school day as determined by the Superintendent.

The district will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus transportation.

Elementary students in grades K-8 who live more than one mile from school will be transported. Secondary students in 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 by the District Superintendent.

Miles from school will be determined by the transportation contractor and the Superintendent in accordance with OAR 581-023-0040(1)(e).

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

The district may also provide transportation using federal funds (Title IV, Part A, and Title V, Part A) or through cooperative agreements with local victims assistance units for a student to attend a safe district school 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 if the student attends a school identified as persistently dangerous.

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.

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<sup>1</sup>"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 or origin, the term "school of origin" shall include the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.

Transportation will be provided for students whose parent or guardian voluntarily placed the child outside the child's home with a public or private agency and who is living in a licensed, certified or approved substitute care program, and whose residency is established pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.134.

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 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.<sup>2</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 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 vehicle 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, Superintendent and/or transportation supervisor.

The building principal and Superintendent 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 vehicle driver will be responsible for the vehicle at all times from departure until return. The

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<sup>2</sup>“Proper fit” means the lap belt of the safety belt or safety harness is positioned low across the hips and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck.

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.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:	ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.006	ORS 815.055	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 327.043	ORS 820.100 - 820.190	OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.405	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 332.415	OAR 581-022-2345	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 339.240 - 339.250	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.155 - 343.246	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010
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Senate Bill 905 (2019)

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912 (2018).

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435(2015).