

## Student Conduct on Buses/Vehicles

MESD-operated buses/vehicles carrying students shall be considered extensions of the MESD school experience. All students using MESD transportation shall abide by the code of conduct posted in each bus or activity vehicle. Violations of the code of conduct, as well as other conduct which is improper or which jeopardizes the safety of self or others, shall be reported by the bus/vehicle driver to the component district Transportation Supervisor. The component district Transportation Supervisor shall, as soon as possible, inform the appropriate MESD program supervisor of such occurrence. Violators may be denied use of transportation for a period of time as deemed proper by the component district Transportation Supervisor who will immediately notify the appropriate MESD program supervisor.

The MESD shall comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to school bus transportation:

1. The building principal or designee shall ensure transportation official and drivers receive notification of students having special medical or behavioral protocols identified in student records. Students violating bus rules will be afforded the procedural safeguards of the IDEA.
2. When considering student disciplinary procedures that may result in removal of the student, the MESD follows all special education procedures and ensures the parent and the student are afforded the procedural safeguards of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) if:
  - a. The student is receiving IEP services;
  - b. For the student not yet identified as a student with a disability, the MESD had knowledge that the student had a disability and needed special education.

Students who ride buses to and from MESD-sponsored activities will be notified of the rules and regulations governing their conduct on buses as well as of the consequences for violation of those rules.

Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of transportation.

The superintendent shall establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding MESD buses or other forms of district transportation. Such regulations shall be available to all parents and students and posted in each school bus or other MESD bus/vehicle.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.240 to-339.250](#)  
[ORS 343.155 to-343.243](#)  
[ORS 343.533](#)

[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075](#)  
[OAR 581-024-0240](#)

[OAR 581-024-0275](#)  
[OAR 581-053-0002 to-0015](#)

Letter Opinion, Office of the OR Attorney General (Nov. 22, 1988).  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F. R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006); as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-325).  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1427 (2006).  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. (2006).

**MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):**

EEA - Student Transportation Services  
EEAC - Bus/Vehicle Safety Program  
EEAE - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles  
EEBA - MESD Vehicles  
EI - Risk and Insurance Management  
EIA - Insurance Programs  
GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment  
JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing  
GCPD - Discipline and Dismissal of Employees  
IGBAE - Special Education - Participation in Regular Education Program  
IGBAF - Special Education - Individualized Education Program (IEP)\*\*  
IGBAJ - Special Education - Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)  
JA/JAA - Student Policies, Goals and Objectives  
JB - Equal Educational Opportunity  
JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment  
JF/JFA - Student Rights and Responsibilities  
JFC - Student Conduct  
JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing  
JFCG/JFCH/JFCI - Prohibition of Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs  
JFG - Student Searches and Questioning\*\*  
JG - Student Discipline  
JGB - Detention of Students\*\*  
JGD - Suspension\*\*  
JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities\*\*  
JGE - Expulsion\*\*  
JHFA - Supervision of Students\*\*