

Student Transportation Services

School transportation services will be provided for students to and from their neighborhood school, consistent with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 327.043. Transportation to and from parent/student selected optional program placements, as well as to curricular and extracurricular activities associated with District programs, may be provided at the discretion of the District. 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).

Elementary students who live more than one mile from school will be transported. Secondary students 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 plans.

The District will provide notice to families of any proposed change to their students' transportation availability and will seek timely feedback regarding any safety or health implications of the proposed change, prior to the Board's approval of the supplemental plans.

~~Special Education Students may be eligible for transportation for health or safety reasons.~~

Miles from school will be determined by District Transportation practice, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-023-0040 (1)(c).

~~Upon parental request, transportation will be provided to a student of a school receiving Title I funds to attend a District school out of the student's attendance area if his/her home school has been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring. Such transfers will be permitted and transportation provided only to a safe school that has not been identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring. The obligation of the District to provide transportation will terminate at the end of the school year if the school from which the student transferred is no longer in need of school improvement.~~

~~In the event all other District schools a student may transfer to have also been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring the District shall, to the extent practicable, 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.~~

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

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 school³ 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 for a student who 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 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 riding privileges consistent with federal and state statute.

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 standard and specifications of law will be provided at all times. Seating is not permitted on any portion of the vehicle not designed for that purpose. Passengers shall not be permitted to stand while the vehicle is in motion. A child under 40 inches in height or under 40 pounds must be properly secured with a child safety system that meets the minimum standards and specification established by the Oregon Department of Education. 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 the school. Violators, consistent with OAR 581-053- 0010(16), may forfeit their bus rider privilege for a period of time as deemed proper by the building principal and/or transportation supervisor. A student entitled to home to school to home transportation services, and subject to suspension or expulsion from his/her assigned school under School Board Policy JGD/ or JGE, may be provided such transportation to a District determined alternate educational placement.

The 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, regarding specific protocols including confidentiality requirements, will be provided to drivers.

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

³If there is not 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.

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 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.

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 815.055	OAR 581-053-0031
ORS 327.033	ORS 815.080	OAR 581-053-0040
ORS 327.043	ORS 820.100 to-820.190	OAR 581-053-0053
ORS 332.405		OAR 581-053-0060
ORS 332.415	OAR 581-021-0050 to-0075	OAR 581-053-0070
ORS 339.240 to-339.250	OAR 581-022-1530	OAR 581-053-0210
ORS 343.155 to-343.246	OAR 581-023-0040	OAR 581-053-0220
ORS 343.533	OAR 581-053-0002	OAR 581-053-0230
ORS 343.155 to-343.243	OAR 581-053-0003	OAR 581-053-0240
ORS 811.210	OAR 581-053-0004	OAR 735-102-0010
ORS 811.215	OAR 581-053-0010	

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver, July 18, 2012.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2005).