

Morrow County School District

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Student Transportation Services

The following requirements will govern use of the district's student transportation services:

1. Only authorized personnel are to drive buses;
2. Adult passengers are permitted to ride school buses by arrangement with **the** local administrator;
3. Buses are to operate on county or state roads unless special arrangements have been made with the district superintendent;
4. Students living inside the city limits ~~may be required to walk~~ **will not receive transportation services** to school except where a hazardous area exists or where distances are in excess of one mile for elementary school **students**, and one and one-half miles for high school students.
5. School buses shall be used only for school purposes except when special arrangements have been made with the ~~district~~ superintendent.
6. Students who refuse to abide by the rules pertaining to buses will be disciplined under **Board** policy #5100, **JG – Student Discipline** up to and including suspension or expulsion from transportation;
7. ~~The school district will furnish bus, gasoline, and pay the driver for~~ transportation of participants to school events;
8. Patrons of the ~~school~~ district may travel on activity buses which provide student transportation to school events. Those patrons who travel on activity buses will be expected to pay the cost of such transportation;
9. ~~The school~~ district will furnish a bus and gasoline for student spectators. The student body or the students will pay transportation ~~the driver~~;
10. All participants in activities and those representing a school are to ride to the event in school operated vehicles. In case extenuating circumstances prevent this, prior arrangements may be made with the local administrator. Participants may return from the event with parents or legal guardian upon direct request of the parent or legal guardian (see ~~policy 8210~~ item #24 below;
11. ~~The school board shall pay activity bus drivers under the guidelines of the classified employee salary agreement;~~
12. ~~The activity bus may be used by the Morrow County 4-H clubs for their summer school trip to Corvallis under the guidelines established for use of the bus by non-school groups;~~
13. ~~The school district will pay physicals for drivers of district-owned buses according to the classified employee collective bargaining agreement;~~
14. All school buses shall meet federal and state regulations;
15. All school bus drivers shall possess a valid school bus license **certificate** of permit;
16. ~~If regular buses are used by a non-school group, such a bus must have all school bus markings covered; the flashing lights made inoperable; the E plate covered; and a temporary license secured. Adequate insurance must also be secured. No person shall be employed to drive school buses who is under 21 years of age;~~

17. ~~School buses shall be routinely inspected at least twice each month by a designated driver or maintenance person for safety and maintenance;~~
18. ~~All buses shall be given an annual maintenance and safety inspection by the transportation supervisor;~~
19. ~~A record of all services, maintenance and repair shall be kept by the transportation supervisor;~~
20. ~~No driver shall drive a school bus more than 10 hours during any consecutive 15 hour period following 8 hours of duty.~~

Driving Hour Limitations:

- A. **A driver of a school bus must comply with one of the following two options: 1. No person shall drive a school bus or other pupil transporting vehicle more than ten total hours during any consecutive fifteen hour period. At the end of driving or a fifteen hour period, whichever occurs first, the driver shall not again drive a school bus or pupil transporting vehicle until at least eight hours have elapsed; or 2. The driver of a school bus or pupil transporting vehicle, after driving a regular morning route transporting pupils from home to school, may again operate a bus or pupil transporting vehicle, but not more than eight hours in a consecutive ten hour period or until 12 midnight, whichever occurs first, provided the driver has at least four hours free from actual operation of a bus following the end of the morning route. To qualify under this provision the driver shall have been free from bus driving duties for at least eight consecutive hours prior to the regular morning route.**
- B. **A driver shall not drive more than three hours continuously without taking at least a 15 minute break from driving duties;**
- C. **Emergency extension of driving hours: In the event of an unforeseen emergency, e.g., mechanical breakdown, accident or adverse road conditions, a driver may complete the trip without being in violation of the provisions of this rule if such trip could have reasonably been completed as originally scheduled without violation of this rule.**
21. ~~No driver shall drive more than three continuous hours without taking at least a 15 minute break;~~
22. Instruction in school bus safety and orderly evacuation of a bus in an emergency shall be conducted by all drivers twice each year as **provided by OAR 581-053-0002;**
23. Instruction in school bus safety shall be provided at least once each year to all school students **as provided by OAR 581-053-0002;**
24. Students will not be allowed to travel with anyone other than the team, their parent or guardian, or parent or guardian's designee, except that travel other than with the team, parent, or guardian will be allowed only after personal contact with the building administrator or his/her designee by the parent of guardian;
25. **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 school bus/vehicle driver to the supervisor. The contracted 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;**
26. **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.

END OF POLICY

Legal References

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 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 581-053-0020 to 0015
OAR 735-102-0010

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