Saint Helens
School District 502

Code: **EEAE**
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Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

Transportation of students will be by the district's transportation system or by a district employee's automobile, properly insured, except as provided as follows.

Parents may be permitted to use private vehicles to transport students other that their own children on field trips or other school activities under the following conditions:

1. The school administrator has approved the activity;

2. A permission slip signed by each student's parent has been received by the principal or his/her designee, granting permission for the student to participate in the field trip and to ride in a privately-owned vehicle;

3. The parent or other adult driving the vehicle is properly licensed to drive and has the automobile liability insurance required in the state of Oregon. Such insurance shall meet or exceed minimum requirements as established by the state of Oregon and as set by the district;

4. The vehicle contains an adequate number of seat restraints, including when applicable, a child safety system for a child who weighs less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, and the adult driver requires their use. The child safety system must elevate the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the individual and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law. A person who weighs over 40 pounds and who is under four feet nine inches and under eight years of age must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or harness properly fits the person[1]. 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. Training in the proper installation and use of child safety system may be required. The driver is responsible for not placing children under the age of 13 in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with passenger-side air bags.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 801.455
ORS 811.210
ORS 815.055
ORS 815.080
OAR 735-102-0010

[1] "Proper fit" means the lap belt of the safety belt or harness is positioned low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck.