

## REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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POLICY: USE OF SCHOOL VAN FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CODE: EEACD

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The Reedsport School District may provide for the use of vehicles which do not meet the requirements of a "school bus." Such vehicles, more commonly designated as "van," do not need standard designation, lights, etc. as are mandated for a school bus. The maximum number of occupants for a van will be 10, including the driver.

When a district van is utilized for student transportation the following requirements will apply:

1. Driver shall meet all state/district established criteria for a bus driver's license.
2. Driver shall hold a valid first-aid card.
3. Driver shall know bus evacuation procedures.
4. Driver shall enforce the Passenger Code of Conduct for bus riders.
5. The driver and all occupants shall use seat restraints at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
6. The rules of passenger conduct applies to school vans the same as conduct for school buses. The van driver has the same authority as regular school bus drivers.

Occasional/emergency use provision – a person who does not currently meet the driver requirements for a type 10 pupil transporting vehicle may be used on an occasional/emergency basis if such driver:

1. Is judged competent by the local authorized official;
2. Possesses a valid driver's license;
3. Does not operate vehicles under this provision more than three times in a given fiscal year (July 1 to June 30);
4. Is not transporting students to and from school on regularly scheduled routes.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:   ORS 811.210  
                          OAR 581-53-545  
                          OAR 581-053-0550  
                          OAR 581-053-0555  
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