

DIVISION 300

CERTIFIED CHILD CARE CENTERS

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Transportation

When transportation is provided by or arranged for by the center, the following requirements shall be met:

(1) Drivers shall:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Hold a current driver's license. If required by the Motor Vehicles Division (DMV), a commercial driver's license shall be obtained; and
- (c) Maintain a safe driving record.
- (d) The provider must take precautions to protect children from vehicular traffic.

(2) The operator shall obtain a copy of the driving record from DMV for each staff whose job description includes driving duties. The DMV check shall be updated annually.

(3) The vehicle shall be:

- (a) In compliance with all applicable state and local motor vehicle laws; and
- (b) Maintained in a safe operating condition.

(4) If transportation is provided between the center and the child's school or other destination, the center shall have in writing an acknowledgment from the parent(s) that they are aware of the time of day their child is to be picked up and/or delivered by the center. If the pick-up schedule results in children being unsupervised at school or other location, the center shall notify parents of this fact.

(5) When transporting children on a regular basis, there shall be sufficient staff to meet the required staff/child ratios (OAR 414-300-0130) for each age group of children being transported.

(a) The driver may count in the staff/child ratios.

(b) Staff shall be teacher-qualified or Aide II qualified. Aide I qualified staff may count in the staff/child ratios if one other staff is teacher-qualified.

(c) If none of the staff is teacher-qualified, an adult in the vehicle shall be trained in first aid and the vehicle shall be equipped with a cell phone or other communication device.

(6) When transporting children on field trips, the center shall follow its procedures for field trips (OAR 414-300-0030(7)(e)). The procedures shall include, but not be limited to, requirements regarding drivers and adult supervision.

(7) When transporting children for any and all purposes:

(a) Children shall be transported only in sections of vehicles designed for and equipped to carry passengers;

(b) A seat that fully supports the passenger shall be provided for each child;

(c) All children, shall be transported in accordance with ORS 811.210. The child safety system and safety belts shall comply with ORS 815.055 and the standards adopted by the Oregon Department of Transportation;

(d) Infants, toddlers, and preschool age children shall leave the vehicle on the same side of the street as the building they will enter;

(e) Drivers delivering children to their homes shall not depart until the child has been received by an authorized person; and

(f) No child shall be left unattended inside or outside a vehicle.

(8) The center shall maintain a written plan for transportation.

(9) The following vehicles may be used to transport child care children:

(a) A vehicle manufactured to carry fewer than ten passengers;

(b) A school bus or a multi-function school activity bus;

(c) A vehicle manufactured to carry ten or more passengers that was manufactured in 2010 or after; or

(d) A vehicle manufactured to carry ten or more passengers that was manufactured before 2010, with the following conditions:

(A) Travel speed may not exceed 50 mph; and

(B) The vehicle must have an annual safety inspection by a garage, dealership or auto repair shop. Proof of inspection must be on the form provided by the Early Learning Division or on a form provided by the inspector which contains the same information.

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