Chapter 338

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Pupil transportation by:
- Administrative (reorganized) school district, 330.780
- County school district, 333.210, 333.220
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338.010 Transportation of pupils authorized. (1) The district school board of a first class district or a union high school district may provide transportation for pupils when deemed advisable by the board.

(2) The district school board of any second or third class district shall, when authorized by the legal voters thereof at any legally called school meeting, provide transportation to and from any public school in such district to pupils living in or out of the district at a distance from such school building greater than a minimum distance, and within a distance therefrom to be fixed by a vote at said school meeting. The distance in either case shall be measured along the nearest traveled road from the residence of such pupils to the public school to be attended by them.

338.020 Allowances in lieu of transportation; water routes. A district school board may, instead of providing transportation for pupils under ORS 338.010, furnish board and lodging for any such pupils at a suitable place near the school attended by them when, in the judgment of the board, it may be done at equal or less expense. A school district may, without furnishing any transportation to other pupils, furnish transportation or allow a reasonable sum for transportation for high school and junior high school pupils. It may establish transportation routes by water, and may transport all pupils adjacent to such water routes without regard to the distance they may live from the school building.

338.030 High school pupil transportation routes. No school district shall establish a route or operate a bus for the transportation of high school pupils which extends beyond the limits of the district until the route has been approved by the district boundary boards of the counties in which it is to be established. If such proposed route extends into two or more counties and the district boundary boards of all counties do not agree upon a route, the question shall be submitted to a board of arbitration appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This board of arbitration may approve or disapprove the proposed route or may so modify it as will, in its opinion, best serve the needs of the pupils concerned. The board of arbitration shall act within the time set and according to the rules promulgated by the State Board of Education. Routes for the transportation of high school pupils subject to the control of district boundary boards, including routes established by boards of arbitration, may be readjusted annually not later than July 15 for the ensuing school year.

338.040 Transportation outside district authorized. The school board of any legally organized school district may provide transportation for school children in the district to public schools in any other district, pursuant to like authority and upon like conditions as are prescribed in ORS 338.010 to 338.030 for providing transportation to public schools by the school board of districts in which such schools are situated.

338.050 Payment of transportation expense; tax levy. Any school board authorized to provide pupil transportation may pay for the transportation of such pupils or provide board and lodging for such pupils out of their district funds. The districts may levy a tax for such purpose in the same manner as other taxes are levied by such districts.

338.060 Transportation of children attending private or parochial schools. Whenever any district school board lawfully provides for transportation for pupils attending public schools, all children attending any private or parochial school under the compulsory school attendance laws shall, where the private or parochial school is along or near the route designated by said board, be entitled equally to the same rights, benefits and privileges as to transportation so provided for.

338.070 Rental or lease-purchase agreements for vehicles. Any district school board properly authorized to provide transportation for pupils may enter into rental or lease-purchase agreements covering motor vehicles operated by the district.

338.080 to 338.980 [Reserved for expansion]

338.990 Penalties. Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 338.010 to 338.060 is a misdemeanor.