

Students to receive transportation services this fall

Transportation services will be available to students this year, however, due to the regulations which limit the number of students on each bus, the school district encourages families to provide their own transportation if possible.

Students in grades K-3 will start school in person before students in other grades, so the district is only registering students in grades K-3 at this time.

Registration for students in grades 4-12 will begin in the coming weeks.

In accordance with board policy, elementary students (grades K-5) who live more than one mile from school are eligible for school bus transportation.

Secondary students (grades 6-12) who live more than one and one-half miles from school are eligible for school bus transportation.

Each eligible bus rider may be assigned a school bus stop for both pickup and drop off. The two stops could be at different locations.

A student may be served at an alternate pickup and/or drop off address if:

- A student's primary residence is eligible for transportation, AND
- The alternate address is in an area eligible for school bus transportation.

If neither of these conditions are true, a student may still be eligible for the requested service at the alternative address depending on available seating on the bus serving the alternative location.

Only authorized riders may ride the bus. Authorized riders may not invite others to ride the bus with them.

Each school will monitor its registered bus riders.



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Early September heat wave signals renewed fire danger

Absent lightning, human activity becomes the main cause of wildfires, as was the case with the Sweet Creek Milepost 2 Fire, which has burned 500 acres.

Oregon will face extremely hot weather for the next few weeks and wildfire managers are concerned about this forecast. The return of high temperatures, low humidity and east winds can turbocharge even the smallest fire start.

A smoldering campfire or an errant spark from a vehicle can become a raging blaze in minutes. And this at a time when firefighting resources are already strained in Oregon and nationally.

The last three weeks have been extremely challenging for wildland and structural firefighters.

They have been working long hours in the heat for weeks at a time in an effort to contain the spread of the state's current wildfires and keep communities safe.

Many people across the state have had to evacuate or feared they might have to. And the threat isn't over.

While the threat from dry lightning in Oregon lessens after August, human activity again becomes the chief cause of fires. So whether this September hot spell spawns new wildfires depends almost entirely on how Oregonians behave in the forest.

Taking a few extra precautions while working or recreating in the forest can prevent most wildfires. Make a difference by following a few simple tips:

- Operate ATVs and other motorized vehicles only on established roads.
- Check your vehicle for dragging tow chains that can send sparks into roadside vegetation.
- Don't park or idle on dry grass or brush — the hot exhaust system can set it smoldering in seconds.



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HSCG Dog Walk set for Sept. 12

The Humane Society of Cottage Grove dog walk will continue this year, with masks and social distancing in place.

The event is a fundraiser for the HSGS animal shelter, whose primary mission is to provide financial and transportation assistance for spay and neuter in the community.

The shelter is staffed 100 percent by volunteers.

The dog walk is a great opportunity to socialize your dog and meet other dog lovers in The Grove during a two-mile loop starting at 10 a.m. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. at Prospector Park, 913 S. River Rd. Suggested donation is \$10 or \$15 per family.

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