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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 343.068](#)  
[ORS 343.151](#)  
[ORS 343.155](#)  
[ORS 343.321 - 343.333](#)

[OAR 581-015-2000](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2190](#)

[OAR 581-015-2195](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2200](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2205](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2210](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2215](#)  
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[OAR 581-015-2229](#)  
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[OAR 581-015-2235](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2055](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2600](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2065](#)  
[OAR 581-015-2265](#)

Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.5 - 300.6, 300.22 - 300.24, 300.34, 300.43, 300.105 - 106, 300.112, 320.325, 300.328, 300.501 (2012).

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# Grant School District 3

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## **Special Education - Individualized Education Program (IEP)\*\*/\***

{Required administrative regulation (AR). This AR is designated as required because the district is required to do everything in this AR; having this AR may help demonstrate compliance during the ODE audit process.}

### 1. General IEP Information

- a. The district ensures that an IEP is in effect for each eligible student:
  - (1) Before special education and related services are provided to a student;
  - (2) At the beginning of each school year for each student with a disability for whom the district is responsible; and
  - (3) Before the district implements all the special education and related services, including program modifications, supports and/or supplementary aids and services, as identified on the IEP.
- b. The district uses:
  - (1) The Oregon standard IEP; or
  - (2) An IEP form that has been approved by the Oregon Department of Education.
- c. The district develops and implements all provisions of the IEP as soon as possible following the IEP meeting.
- d. The IEP will be accessible to each of the student's regular education teacher(s), the student's special education teacher(s) and the student's related services provider(s) and other service provider(s). This includes all district employees assigned to work with a student with specialized needs to assist with the educational, behavioral, medical, health or disability-related support needs of the student.
- e. The district takes steps to ensure that parent(s) are present at each IEP meeting or have the opportunity to participate through other means.
- f. The district ensures that each teacher and service provider is informed of:
  - (1) Their specific responsibilities for implementing the IEP specific accommodations, modifications and/or supports that must be provided for, or on behalf of the student; and
  - (2) Their responsibility to fully implement the IEP including any amendments the district and parents agreed to make between annual reviews.
- b. The district takes whatever action is necessary to ensure that parents understand the proceedings of the IEP team meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents with deafness or whose native language is other than English.
- g. The district provides a copy of the IEP to the parents at no cost.

### 2. IEP Meetings

- a. The district conducts IEP meetings within 30 calendar days of the determination that the student is eligible for special education and related services.
- b. The district convenes IEP meetings for each eligible student periodically, but not less than once per year.
- c. At IEP meetings, the team reviews and revises the IEP to address any lack of expected progress toward annual goals and in the general curriculum, new evaluation data or new information from the parent(s), the student's anticipated needs, or the need to address other matters.
- d. Between annual IEP meetings, the district and the parent(s) may amend or modify the student's current IEP without convening an IEP team meeting using the procedures in the Agreement to Amend or Modify IEP subsection.
- e. When the parent(s) requests a meeting, the district will either schedule a meeting within a reasonable time or provide timely written prior notice of the district's refusal to hold a meeting.
- f. If an agency other than the district fails to provide agreed upon transition services contained in the IEP, the district convenes an IEP meeting to plan alternative strategies to meet the transition objectives and, if necessary, to revise the IEP.

### 3. IEP Team Members

- a. The district's IEP team members include the following:
  - (1) The student's parent(s);
  - (2) The student, if the purpose of the IEP meeting is to consider the student's postsecondary goals and transition services (beginning for IEPs in effect at age 16), or for younger students, when appropriate;
  - (3) At least one of the student's special education teachers or, if appropriate, at least one of the student's special education providers;
  - (4) At least one of the student's regular education teachers if the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment. If the student has more than one regular education teacher, the district will determine which teacher or teachers will participate;
  - (5) A representative of the district (who may also be another member of the team) who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of special education and is knowledgeable about district resources. The representative of the district will have the authority to commit district resources and be able to ensure that all services identified in the IEP can be delivered;
  - (6) An individual, who may also be another member of the team, who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results; and
  - (7) At the discretion of the parent or district, other persons who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student.
- b. Student participation:
  - (1) Whenever appropriate, the student with a disability is a member of the team.
  - (2) If the purpose of the IEP meeting includes consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student, the district includes the student in the IEP team meeting.

- (3) If the purpose of the IEP meeting includes consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student, and the student does not attend the meeting, the district will take other steps to consider the student's preferences and interests in developing the IEP.
- c. Participation by other agencies:
    - (1) With parent or adult student written consent, and where appropriate, the district invites a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services if the purpose of the IEP meeting includes the consideration of transition services (beginning at age 16, or younger if appropriate); and
    - (2) If the district refers or places a student in an education service district, state-operated program, private school or other educational program, IEP team membership includes a representative from the appropriate agencies. Participation may consist of attending the meeting, conference call or participating through other means.

d. Participation by other employees:

All district employees assigned to work with a student with specialized needs to assist the student with educational, behavioral, medical, health or disability-related support needs of the student must be consulted with when the IEP for the student is being developed, reviewed or revised. This includes being invited to, and compensated for attending, meetings regarding the student's IEP and other meetings regarding the student, when the decisions made and issues discussed are related to the responsibilities of the employee to support the student or when the employee has unique information about the student's needs and present level of performance.

4. Agreement for Nonattendance and Excusal

- a. The district and the parent may consent to excuse an IEP team member from attending an IEP meeting, in whole or in part, when the meeting involves a discussion or modification of team member's area of curriculum or service. The district designates specific individuals to authorize excusal of IEP team members.
- b. If excusing an IEP team member whose area is to be discussed at an IEP meeting, the district ensures:
  - (1) The parent and the district consent in writing to the excusal;
  - (2) The team member submits written input to the parents and other members of the IEP team before the meeting; and
  - (3) The parent is informed of all information related to the excusal in the parent's native language or other mode of communication according to consent requirements.

5. IEP Content

- a. In developing the IEP, the district considers the student's strengths, the parent's concerns, the results of the initial or most recent evaluation, and the academic, developmental and functional needs of the student.
- b. The district ensures that IEPs for each eligible student includes:
  - (1) A statement of the student's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance that:

- (a) Includes a description of how the disability affects the progress and involvement in the general education curriculum;
  - (b) Describes the results of any evaluations conducted, including functional and developmental information;
  - (c) Is written in language that is understood by all IEP team members, including parents;
  - (d) Is clearly linked to each annual goal statement;
  - (e) Includes a description of benchmarks or short-term objectives for children with disabilities who take alternative assessments aligned to alternate achievement standards.
- (2) A statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, or for students whose performance is measured by alternate assessments aligned to alternate achievement standard, statements of measurable goals and short-term objectives. The goals and, if appropriate, objectives:
- (a) Meet the student's needs that are present because of the disability, or because of behavior that interferes with the student's ability to learn, or impedes the learning of other students;
  - (b) Enable the student to be involved in and progress in the general curriculum, as appropriate; and
  - (c) Clearly describe the anticipated outcomes, including intermediate steps, if appropriate, that serve as a measure of progress toward the goal.
- (3) A statement of the special education services, related services, supplementary aids and services that the district provides to the student:
- (a) The district bases special education and related services, modifications and supports on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable to assist students in advancing toward goals, progressing in the general curriculum and participating with other students (including those without disabilities), in academic, nonacademic and extracurricular activities.
  - (b) Each statement of special education services, related or supplementary services, aids, modifications or supports includes a description of the inclusive dates, amount or frequency, location and who is responsible for implementation.
- (4) A statement of the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate with nondisabled students in regular academic, nonacademic and extracurricular activities.
- (5) A statement of any individual modifications and accommodations in the administration of state or districtwide assessments of student achievement.
- (a) A student will not be exempt from participation in state or districtwide assessment because of a disability unless the parent requests an exemption;
  - (b) If the IEP team determines that the student will take the alternate assessment instead of the regular statewide or a districtwide assessment, a statement of why the student cannot participate in the regular assessment and why the alternate assessment is appropriate for the student.

- (6) A statement describing how the district will measure student's progress toward completion of the annual goals and when periodic reports on the student's progress toward the annual goals will be provided.

~~6. Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services<sup>†</sup>~~

~~Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services are defined as those services determined necessary for eligible students based on the unique needs that arise from their disability due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~a. Special education and related services;~~
- ~~a. Supplementary aides and services;~~
- ~~b. Additional or intensified instruction;~~
- ~~c. Social-emotional learning support; and~~
- ~~d. Peer or adult support.~~

~~The IEP team for each eligible student shall consider the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services at least at each initial IEP meeting and each regularly scheduled annual review meeting.~~

- ~~a. IEP teams shall consider the impact COVID-19 on the eligible student's ability to engage in their education, develop and re-establish social connections with peers and school personnel, and adapt to the structure of in-person learning.~~
- ~~b. For initial IEPs, IEP teams shall also review the impact of COVID-19 on the eligible student's initial evaluation timeline and eligibility determination in considering the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~
- ~~c. For annual reviews, IEP teams shall also consider the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the eligible student's IEP considering the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~

~~Any member of the IEP team, including parents and eligible students, may request that the IEP team meet to review the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services at any time.~~

- ~~a. IEP teams are not required to meet more than once annually to consider the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services unless updated information indicates the eligible student's circumstances have changed or there is reason to suspect that the eligible student may need any additions or modifications to their Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~
- ~~b. IEP teams that considered the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services at an initial IEP or annual review meeting on or after June 24, 2021 shall review the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services at the next annual review, but are not required to do so before then unless the eligible student's circumstances have changed or there is reason to suspect that the eligible student may need any additions or modifications to their Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~

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<sup>†</sup>~~The requirements of this section are in effect until July 1, 2023 unless extended by the State Board of Education.~~



~~When Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services are recommended, the eligible student's IEP must be updated to reflect the recommendation.~~

~~The district or program shall provide written notice to the parents of each eligible student regarding the opportunity for the IEP team to meet to consider Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~

~~After each determination is made, the district or program shall provide written notice to the parent and/or adult student with a disability regarding the determination of need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services. This notice shall include the following documentation:~~

- ~~a. A statement of the Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services recommended based on the meaningful input of all IEP team members, including parents and eligible students, as appropriate;~~
- ~~b. The projected dates for initiation and duration of Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services~~
- ~~c. The anticipated frequency, amount, location, and provider of the services described in item a. above and whether these services are being provided within the standard instructional day for the eligible student.~~

~~If the district and parent hold an IEP meeting to discuss the need for Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services and do not reach an agreement regarding such services, the district and parent may request a Facilitated IEP meeting. If the district and the parent choose to participate in a Facilitated IEP meeting, the district shall notify ODE.~~

~~Nothing in this section shall affect or otherwise alter a parent's right to seek mediation under OAR 581-015-2335, request a due process hearing under OAR 581-015-2345, a complaint under OAR 581-015-2030, or other parental rights under the procedural safeguards.~~

~~Nothing in this section relieves the district of its duty to create an appropriate IEP for every eligible student, regardless of whether the eligible student requires Individualized COVID-19 Recovery Services.~~

#### 7.6. Agreement to Amend or Modify IEP

Between annual IEP meetings, the district and the parent may agree to make changes in the student's current IEP without holding an IEP meeting. These changes require a signed, written agreement between the district and the parent.

- a. The district and the parent record any amendments, revisions or modifications on the student's current IEP. If additional IEP pages are required these pages must be attached to the existing IEP.
- b. The district files a complete copy of the IEP with the student's education records and informs the student's IEP team and any teachers or service providers of the changes.
- c. The district provides the parent prior written notice of any changes in the IEP and upon request, provides the parent with a revised copy of the IEP with the changes incorporated.

#### 8.7. IEP Team Considerations and Special Factors

- a. In developing, reviewing and revising the IEP, the IEP team considers:

- (1) The strengths of the student and concerns of the parent for enhancing the education of the student;
  - (2) The results of the initial or most recent evaluation of the student;
  - (3) As appropriate, the results of the student's performance on any general state or districtwide assessments;
  - (4) The academic, developmental and functional needs of the child.
- b. In developing, reviewing and revising the student's IEP, the IEP team considers the following special factors:
- (1) The communication needs of the student; and
  - (2) The need for assistive technology services and/or devices.
- c. As appropriate, the IEP team also considers the following special factors:
- (1) For a student whose behavior impedes their learning or that of others, strategies, positive behavioral intervention and supports to address that behavior;
  - (2) For a student with limited English proficiency, the language needs of the student as those needs relate to the IEP;
  - (3) For a student who is blind or visually impaired, instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP team determines (after an evaluation of reading and writing skills, needs and media, including evaluation of future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille, appropriate reading and writing), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate;
  - (4) For a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, the student's language and communication needs, including opportunities for direct communication with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode;
  - (5) If a student is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing, the district will provide information about relevant services and placements offered by the school district, the education service district, regional programs, and the Oregon School for the Deaf; and
  - (6) A statement of any device or service needed for the student to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).
- d. In addition to the above IEP contents, the IEP for each eligible student of transition age includes:
- (1) Beginning not later than the first IEP in effect when the student turns 16, or as early as 14 or younger, if determined appropriate by the IEP team (including parent(s)), and updated annually thereafter, the IEP must include:
    - (a) Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills; and
    - (b) The transition services (including courses of study) needed to assist the student in reaching those goals.

Regarding employment planning, the parent shall be provided information about and opportunities to experience employment services provided by Oregon

Vocational Rehabilitation or the Oregon Office of Developmental Disability Services. These services must be provided in a competitive integrated employment setting, as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 411-345-0020. Information about these services shall also be provided to the parent by the district at each annual review for IEPs to be in effect when the child turns 16, or as early as 14 or younger, if determined appropriate by the IEP team (including parent(s)).

- (2) At least one year before a student reaches the age of majority (student reaches the age of 18, or has married or been emancipated, whichever occurs first), a statement that the district has informed the student that all procedural rights will transfer at the age of majority; and
  - (3) If identified transition service providers, other than the district, fail to provide any of the services identified on the IEP, the district will initiate an IEP meeting as soon as possible to address alternative strategies and revise the IEP if necessary.
- e. To promote self-determination and independence, the district shall provide the student and the student's parents with information and training resources regarding supported decision-making as a less restrictive alternative to guardianship, and with information and resources regarding strategies to remain engaged in the student's secondary education and post-school outcomes. The district shall provide this information at each IEP meeting that includes discussion of post-secondary education goals and transition services.

#### 9-8. Incarcerated Youth

- a. For students with disabilities who are convicted as adults, incarcerated in adult correctional facilities and otherwise entitled to FAPE, the following IEP requirements do not apply:
  - (1) Participation of students with disabilities in state and districtwide assessment; and
  - (2) Transition planning and transition services, for students whose eligibility will end because of their age before they will be eligible to be released from an adult correctional facility based on consideration of their sentence and eligibility for early release.
- b. The IEP team may modify the student's IEP, if the state has demonstrated a bona fide security or other compelling interest that cannot be otherwise accommodated.

#### 10-9. Extended School Year Services

- a. The district makes extended school year (ESY) services available to all students for whom the IEP team has determined that such services are necessary to provide FAPE.
- b. ESY services are:
  - (1) Provided to a student with a disability in addition to the services provided during the typical school year;
  - (2) Identified in the student's IEP; and
  - (3) Provided at no cost to the parent.
- c. The district does not limit consideration of ESY services to particular categories of disability or unilaterally limit the type, amount or duration of service.
- d. The district provides ESY services to maintain the student's skills or behavior, but not to teach new skills or behaviors.

- e. The district’s criteria for determining the need for extended school year services include:
  - (1) Regression (a significant loss of skills or behaviors) and recoupment time based on documented evidence; or
  - (2) If no documented evidence, on predictions according to the professional judgment of the team.
- f. “Regression” means significant loss of skills or behaviors in any area specified on the IEP as a result of an interruption in education services.
- g. “Recoupment” means the recovery of skills or behaviors specified on the IEP to a level demonstrated before the interruption of education services.

~~11.10.~~ Assistive Technology

- a. The district ensures that assistive technology devices or assistive technology services, or both, are made available if they are identified as part of the student’s IEP. These services and/or devices may be part of the student’s special education, related services or supplementary aids and services.
- b. On a case-by-case basis, the district permits the use of district-purchased assistive technology devices in the student’s home or in other settings if the student’s IEP team determines that the student needs access to those devices to receive FAPE. In these situations, district policy will govern liability and transfer of the device when the student ceases to attend the district.

~~12.11.~~ Transfer Students

- a. In state:

If a student with a disability (who had an IEP that was in effect in a previous district in Oregon) transfers into the district and enrolls in a district school within the same school year, the district (in consultation with the student’s parents) provides FAPE to the student (including services comparable to those described in the student’s IEP from the previous district), until the district either:

- (1) Adopts the student’s IEP from the previous district; or
- (2) Develops, adopts and implements a new IEP for the student in accordance with all of the IEP provisions.

- b. Out of state:

If a student transfers into the district with a current IEP from a district in another state, the district, in consultation with the student’s parents, will provide FAPE to the student, including services comparable to those described in the student’s IEP from the previous district, until the district:

- (1) Conducts an initial evaluation (if determined necessary by the district to determine Oregon eligibility) with parent consent and determines whether the student meets eligibility criteria described in the OARs.
- (2) If the student is eligible under Oregon criteria, the district develops, adopts and implements a new IEP for the student using the Oregon Standard IEP or an approved alternate IEP.

- (3) If the student does not meet Oregon eligibility criteria, the district provides prior written notice to the parents explaining that the student does not meet Oregon eligibility criteria and specifying the date when special education services will be terminated.

### 13.12. Abbreviated School Day

“Abbreviated school day” means any school day during which a student with a disability receives instruction or educational services for fewer hours than the majority of other students who are in the same grade within the student’s resident school district.

“Abbreviated school day program” means an education program:

- a. In which a school district restricts access for a student with a disability to hours of instruction or educational services to less than the number of hours of instruction or educational services that are provided to the majority of other students who are in the same grade within the student’s resident school district; and
- b. That results in a student with a disability having an abbreviated school day for more than 10 school days per school year.

Abbreviated school day programs are only allowed when all requirements in state law are met.<sup>2</sup>

Informed and written consent from the parent or foster parent is necessary prior to implementing an abbreviated school day program. A parent or a foster parent may, at any time, revoke consent for the placement of a student on an abbreviated school day program. Revoking consent or objecting to an abbreviated school day program shall be in writing.

Abbreviated school day programs limitations do not apply to students who are exempt per ORS 343.331.

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<sup>2</sup> See ORS 343.324.

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  - (1) The Oregon standard IEP; or
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- c. The district develops and implements all provisions of the IEP as soon as possible following the IEP meeting.
- d. The IEP will be accessible to each of the student's regular education teacher(s), the student's special education teacher(s) and the student's related services provider(s) and other service provider(s).
- e. The district takes steps to ensure that parent(s) are present at each IEP meeting or have the opportunity to participate through other means.
- f. The district ensures that each teacher and service provider is informed of:
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- g. The district provides a copy of the IEP to the parents at no cost.

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  - (2) The student, if the purpose of the IEP meeting is to consider the student's postsecondary goals and transition services (beginning for IEPs in effect at age 16), or for younger students, when appropriate;
  - (3) At least one of the student's special education teachers or, if appropriate, at least one of the student's special education providers;
  - (4) At least one of the student's regular education teachers if the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment. If the student has more than one regular education teacher, the district will determine which teacher or teachers will participate;
  - (5) A representative of the district (who may also be another member of the team) who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of special education and is knowledgeable about district resources. The representative of the district will have the authority to commit district resources and be able to ensure that all services identified in the IEP can be delivered;
  - (6) An individual, who may also be another member of the team, who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results; and
  - (7) At the discretion of the parent or district, other persons who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student.
- b. Student participation:
  - (1) Whenever appropriate, the student with a disability is a member of the team.
  - (2) If the purpose of the IEP meeting includes consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student, the district includes the student in the IEP team meeting.
  - (3) If the purpose of the IEP meeting includes consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student, and the student does not attend the meeting, the

district will take other steps to consider the student's preferences and interests in developing the IEP.

c. Participation by other agencies:

- (1) With parent or adult student written consent, and where appropriate, the district invites a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services if the purpose of the IEP meeting includes the consideration of transition services (beginning at age 16, or younger if appropriate); and
- (2) If the district refers or places a student in an education service district, state-operated program, private school or other educational program, IEP team membership includes a representative from the appropriate agencies. Participation may consist of attending the meeting, conference call or participating through other means.

4. Agreement for Nonattendance and Excusal

- a. The district and the parent may consent to excuse an IEP team member from attending an IEP meeting, in whole or in part, when the meeting involves a discussion or modification of team member's area of curriculum or service. The district designates specific individuals to authorize excusal of IEP team members.
- b. If excusing an IEP team member whose area is to be discussed at an IEP meeting, the district ensures:
  - (1) The parent and the district consent in writing to the excusal;
  - (2) The team member submits written input to the parents and other members of the IEP team before the meeting; and
  - (3) The parent is informed of all information related to the excusal in the parent's native language or other mode of communication according to consent requirements.

5. IEP Content

- a. In developing the IEP, the district considers the student's strengths, the parent's concerns, the results of the initial or most recent evaluation, and the academic, developmental and functional needs of the student.
- b. The district ensures that IEPs for each eligible student includes:
  - (1) A statement of the student's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance that:
    - (a) Includes a description of how the disability affects the progress and involvement in the general education curriculum;
    - (b) Describes the results of any evaluations conducted, including functional and developmental information;
    - (c) Is written in language that is understood by all IEP team members, including parents;
    - (d) Is clearly linked to each annual goal statement;
    - (e) Includes a description of benchmarks or short-term objectives for children with disabilities who take alternative assessments aligned to alternate achievement standards.



- (2) A statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, or for students whose performance is measured by alternate assessments aligned to alternate achievement standard, statements of measurable goals and short-term objectives. The goals and, if appropriate, objectives:
  - (a) Meet the student's needs that are present because of the disability, or because of behavior that interferes with the student's ability to learn, or impedes the learning of other students;
  - (b) Enable the student to be involved in and progress in the general curriculum, as appropriate; and
  - (c) Clearly describe the anticipated outcomes, including intermediate steps, if appropriate, that serve as a measure of progress toward the goal.
- (3) A statement of the special education services, related services, supplementary aids and services that the district provides to the student:
  - (a) The district bases special education and related services, modifications and supports on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable to assist students in advancing toward goals, progressing in the general curriculum and participating with other students (including those without disabilities), in academic, nonacademic and extracurricular activities.
  - (b) Each statement of special education services, related or supplementary services, aids, modifications or supports includes a description of the inclusive dates, amount or frequency, location and who is responsible for implementation.
- (4) A statement of the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate with nondisabled students in regular academic, nonacademic and extracurricular activities.
- (5) A statement of any individual modifications and accommodations in the administration of state or districtwide assessments of student achievement.
  - (a) A student will not be exempt from participation in state or districtwide assessment because of a disability unless the parent requests an exemption;
  - (b) If the IEP team determines that the student will take the alternate assessment instead of the regular statewide or a districtwide assessment, a statement of why the student cannot participate in the regular assessment and why the alternate assessment is appropriate for the student.
- (6) A statement describing how the district will measure student's progress toward completion of the annual goals and when periodic reports on the student's progress toward the annual goals will be provided.

## 6. Agreement to Amend or Modify IEP

Between annual IEP meetings, the district and the parent may agree to make changes in the student's current IEP without holding an IEP meeting. These changes require a signed, written agreement between the district and the parent.

- a. The district and the parent record any amendments, revisions or modifications on the student's current IEP. If additional IEP pages are required these pages must be attached to the existing IEP.
- b. The district files a complete copy of the IEP with the student's education records and informs the student's IEP team and any teachers or service providers of the changes.
- c. The district provides the parent prior written notice of any changes in the IEP and upon request, provides the parent with a revised copy of the IEP with the changes incorporated.

7. IEP Team Considerations and Special Factors

- a. In developing, reviewing and revising the IEP, the IEP team considers:
  - (1) The strengths of the student and concerns of the parent for enhancing the education of the student;
  - (2) The results of the initial or most recent evaluation of the student;
  - (3) As appropriate, the results of the student's performance on any general state or districtwide assessments;
  - (4) The academic, developmental and functional needs of the child.
- b. In developing, reviewing and revising the student's IEP, the IEP team considers the following special factors:
  - (1) The communication needs of the student; and
  - (2) The need for assistive technology services and/or devices.
- c. As appropriate, the IEP team also considers the following special factors:
  - (1) For a student whose behavior impedes their learning or that of others, strategies, positive behavioral intervention and supports to address that behavior;
  - (2) For a student with limited English proficiency, the language needs of the student as those needs relate to the IEP;
  - (3) For a student who is blind or visually impaired, instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP team determines (after an evaluation of reading and writing skills, needs and media, including evaluation of future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille, appropriate reading and writing), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate;
  - (4) For a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, the student's language and communication needs, including opportunities for direct communication with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode;
  - (5) If a student is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing, the district will provide information about relevant services and placements offered by the school district, the education service district, regional programs, and the Oregon School for the Deaf; and
  - (6) A statement of any device or service needed for the student to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

- d. In addition to the above IEP contents, the IEP for each eligible student of transition age includes:
- (1) Beginning not later than the first IEP in effect when the student turns 16, or as early as 14 or younger, if determined appropriate by the IEP team (including parent(s)), and updated annually thereafter, the IEP must include:
    - (a) Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills; and
    - (b) The transition services (including courses of study) needed to assist the student in reaching those goals.

Regarding employment planning, the parent shall be provided information about and opportunities to experience employment services provided by Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation or the Oregon Office of Developmental Disability Services. These services must be provided in a competitive integrated employment setting, as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule 441-345-0020. Information about these services shall also be provided to the parent by the district at each annual review for IEPs to be in effect when the child turns 16, or as early as 14 or younger, if determined appropriate by the IEP team (including parent(s)).
  - (2) At least one year before a student reaches the age of majority (student reaches the age of 18, or has married or been emancipated, whichever occurs first), a statement that the district has informed the student that all procedural rights will transfer at the age of majority; and
  - (3) If identified transition service providers, other than the district, fail to provide any of the services identified on the IEP, the district will initiate an IEP meeting as soon as possible to address alternative strategies and revise the IEP if necessary.
- e. To promote self-determination and independence, the district shall provide the student and the student's parents with information and training resources regarding supported decision-making as a less restrictive alternative to guardianship, and with information and resources regarding strategies to remain engaged in the student's secondary education and post-school outcomes. The district shall provide this information at each IEP meeting that includes discussion of post-secondary education goals and transition services.

## 8. Incarcerated Youth

- a. For students with disabilities who are convicted as adults, incarcerated in adult correctional facilities and otherwise entitled to FAPE, the following IEP requirements do not apply:
  - (1) Participation of students with disabilities in state and districtwide assessment; and
  - (2) Transition planning and transition services, for students whose eligibility will end because of their age before they will be eligible to be released from an adult correctional facility based on consideration of their sentence and eligibility for early release.
- b. The IEP team may modify the student's IEP, if the state has demonstrated a bona fide security or other compelling interest that cannot be otherwise accommodated.

9. Extended School Year Services

- a. The district makes extended school year (ESY) services available to all students for whom the IEP team has determined that such services are necessary to provide FAPE.
- b. ESY services are:
  - (1) Provided to a student with a disability in addition to the services provided during the typical school year;
  - (2) Identified in the student's IEP; and
  - (3) Provided at no cost to the parent.
- c. The district does not limit consideration of ESY services to particular categories of disability or unilaterally limit the type, amount or duration of service.
- d. The district provides ESY services to maintain the student's skills or behavior, but not to teach new skills or behaviors.
- e. The district's criteria for determining the need for extended school year services include:
  - (1) Regression (a significant loss of skills or behaviors) and recoupment time based on documented evidence; or
  - (2) If no documented evidence, on predictions according to the professional judgment of the team.
- f. "Regression" means significant loss of skills or behaviors in any area specified on the IEP as a result of an interruption in education services.
- g. "Recoupment" means the recovery of skills or behaviors specified on the IEP to a level demonstrated before the interruption of education services.

10. Assistive Technology

- a. The district ensures that assistive technology devices or assistive technology services, or both, are made available if they are identified as part of the student's IEP. These services and/or devices may be part of the student's special education, related services or supplementary aids and services.
- b. On a case-by-case basis, the district permits the use of district-purchased assistive technology devices in the student's home or in other settings if the student's IEP team determines that the student needs access to those devices to receive a free appropriate public education. In these situations, district policy will govern liability and transfer of the device when the student ceases to attend the district.

## 11. Transfer Students

### a. In state:

If a student with a disability (who had an IEP that was in effect in a previous district in Oregon) transfers into the district and enrolls in a district school within the same school year, the district (in consultation with the student's parents) provides a free appropriate public education to the student (including services comparable to those described in the student's IEP from the previous district), until the district either:

- (1) Adopts the student's IEP from the previous district; or
- (2) Develops, adopts and implements a new IEP for the student in accordance with all of the IEP provisions.

### b. Out of state:

If a student transfers into the district with a current IEP from a district in another state, the district, in consultation with the student's parents, will provide a free appropriate public education to the student, including services comparable to those described in the student's IEP from the previous district, until the district:

- (1) Conducts an initial evaluation (if determined necessary by the district to determine Oregon eligibility) with parent consent and determines whether the student meets eligibility criteria described in Oregon Administrative Rules.
- (2) If the student is eligible under Oregon criteria, the district develops, adopts and implements a new IEP for the student using the Oregon Standard IEP or an approved alternate IEP.
- (3) If the student does not meet Oregon eligibility criteria, the district provides prior written notice to the parents explaining that the student does not meet Oregon eligibility criteria and specifying the date when special education services will be terminated.

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## Special Education - Procedural Safeguards\*\*

### Procedural Safeguards – General

A district ensures that students with disabilities and their families are afforded their procedural safeguards related to:

1. Access to students' educational records;
2. Parent and adult student participation in special education decisions;
3. Transfer of rights to students who have reached the age of majority;
4. Prior written notice of proposed district actions;
5. Consent for evaluation and for initial placement in special education<sup>1</sup>;
6. Independent educational evaluation;
7. Dispute resolution through mediation, state complaint investigation, resolution sessions and due process hearings;
8. Discipline procedures and protections for students with disabilities, including placements related to discipline;
9. Placement of students during the pendency of due process hearings;
10. Placement of students by their parents in private schools;
11. Civil actions; and
12. Attorney's fees.

### Procedural Safeguards Notice

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<sup>1</sup> If, at any time subsequent to the initial provision of special and related services, the parent of a child revokes consent in writing for the continued provision of special education and related services, the district: 1) may not continue to provide special education and related services to the child, but must provide prior written notice before ceasing the provision of special education and related services; 2) may not use mediation or due process procedures to obtain an agreement or ruling that the services may be provided to the child; 3) the district will not be considered to be in violation of the requirement to make a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to the child because of the failure to provide the child with further special education and related services; and 4) the district is not required to convene an individualized education program (IEP) team meeting or develop an IEP for the child for further provision of special education or related services.

The district provides to parents a copy of the *Procedural Safeguards Notice*, published by the Oregon Department of Education, at least once per year and upon initial referral or parent request for special education evaluation and when the parent requests a copy. The district also gives a copy to the student at least a year before the student's 18th birthday or upon learning that the student is considered emancipated.

The district provides the *Procedural Safeguards Notice* in the parent's native language or other mode of communication unless it is clearly not feasible to do so. If the native language or other mode of communication of the parent is not a written language, the district takes steps to ensure that the notice is translated orally or by other means understandable to the parent and that the parent understands the content of the notice. The district maintains written evidence that it meets these requirements.

### **Parent or Adult Student Meeting Participation**

1. The district provides parents or adult students an opportunity to participate in meetings with respect to the identification, evaluation, IEP and educational placement of the student, and the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student.
2. The district provides parents or adult students written notice of any meeting sufficiently in advance to ensure an opportunity to attend. The written notice:
  - a. States the purpose, time and place of the meeting and who is invited to attend;
  - b. Advises that parents or adult students may invite other individuals who they believe have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student;
  - c. Advises that the team may proceed with the meeting even if the parents are not in attendance;
  - d. Advises the parents or adult students who to contact before the meeting to provide information if they are unable to attend; and
  - e. Indicates if one of the meeting's purposes is to consider transition services or transition services needs. If so:
    - (1) Indicates that the student will be invited; and
    - (2) If considering transition services, identifies any agencies invited to send a representative (with parent or adult student consent).
3. The district takes steps to ensure that one or both parents of a child with a disability are present at each IEP or placement meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate, including:
  - a. Notifying parents of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have an opportunity to attend; and
  - b. Scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
4. If neither parent can attend, the district will use other methods to ensure an opportunity to participate, including, but not limited to, individual or conference phone calls or home visits.
5. The district may conduct an evaluation planning or eligibility meeting without the parent or adult student if the district provided meeting notice to the parent or adult student sufficiently in advance to ensure an opportunity to attend.

### **Access to Records**

A parent is entitled at any reasonable time to examine all of the records of the district pertaining to the identification, evaluation and educational placement of their child and the provision of FAPE to their child. Records must be provided without undue delay, which may not exceed 10 business days, as defined in ORS 192.311, from the date of the request for the records. Records may be redacted only to the extent necessary to protect personally identifiable information of other children unless disclosure is authorized by law or court order.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 343.155](#)

[ORS 343.165](#)

[ORS 343.173](#)

[ORS 343.177](#)

[ORS 343.181](#)

[OAR 581-001-0005](#)

[OAR 581-015-2000](#)

[OAR 581-015-2030](#)

[OAR 581-015-2090](#)

[OAR 581-015-2095](#)

[OAR 581-015-2190](#)

[OAR 581-015-2195](#)

[OAR 581-015-2305](#)

[OAR 581-015-2310](#)

[OAR 581-015-2325](#)

[OAR 581-015-2330](#)

[OAR 581-015-2345](#)

[OAR 581-015-2360](#)

[OAR 581-015-2385](#)

Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.300, 300.500 - 300.505, 300.515, 300.517.



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1. The district provides parents or adult students an opportunity to participate in meetings with respect to the identification, evaluation, individualized education program (IEP) and educational placement of the student, and the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student.
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  - c. Advises that the team may proceed with the meeting even if the parents are not in attendance;
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  - e. Indicates if one of the meeting's purposes is to consider transition services or transition services needs. If so:
    - (1) Indicates that the student will be invited; and
    - (2) If considering transition services, identifies any agencies invited to send a representative (with parent or adult student consent).
3. The district takes steps to ensure that one or both parents of a child with a disability are present at each IEP or placement meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate, including:
  - a. Notifying parents of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have an opportunity to attend; and
  - b. Scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
4. If neither parent can attend, the district will use other methods to ensure an opportunity to participate, including, but not limited to, individual or conference phone calls or home visits.

5. The district may conduct an evaluation planning or eligibility meeting without the parent or adult student if the district provided meeting notice to the parent or adult student sufficiently in advance to ensure an opportunity to attend.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 343.155](#)  
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Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.500 - 300.505, 300.515, 300.517 (2006).  
Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.300 (2008).

**Cross Reference(s):**

JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities

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## Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements\*\*

{Required policy. ORS 339.372 requires school boards to adopt policy on reporting of suspected child abuse.}

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that **any child** with whom the employee has come in contact has suffered abuse<sup>1</sup> shall ~~orally report or cause an oral report immediately by telephone or otherwise to the local office of~~ make a report to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) ~~or its designee~~ through the centralized child abuse reporting system<sup>[2]</sup> or to ~~the~~ a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact ~~pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.010~~. Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that **any person**<sup>3</sup> with whom the employee is in contact has abused a child shall immediately report ~~or cause a report to be made~~ in the same manner described above ~~to DHS or its designee or to the law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact pursuant to ORS 419B.010~~.

~~If known,~~ The report shall must contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for the child's care, the child's age, the nature and extent of the suspected abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the suspected abuse, any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the possible cause of the abuse and the identity of a possible perpetrator.

Abuse of a child by district employees, contractors<sup>4</sup>, agents<sup>5</sup>, volunteers<sup>6</sup>, or students is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers and students are subject to this policy and the accompanying administrative regulations.

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student has engaged in abuse, or that a student has been subjected to abuse by another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student shall immediately report such to ~~the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or its designee~~ through its centralized child abuse reporting system

<sup>1</sup> Includes the neglect of a child; abuse is defined in ORS 419B.005.

<sup>2</sup> [How to report abuse or neglect: [Oregon DHS](#). Call 855-503-SAFE (7233)]

<sup>3</sup> "Person" could include adult, student or other child.

<sup>4</sup> "Contractor" means a person providing services to the district under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

<sup>5</sup> "Agent" means a person acting as an agent for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

<sup>6</sup> "Volunteer" means a person acting as a volunteer for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

or ~~the local~~ to a law enforcement agency pursuant to ORS 419B.015, and to ~~the~~ a designated licensed administrator.

The district will designate a {<sup>7</sup>} licensed administrator and an alternate licensed administrator, in the event that the designated licensed administrator is the suspected abuser, for each school building to receive reports of suspected abuse of a child by district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers or students.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the [insert {<sup>8</sup>} licensed administrator position title] who shall also report to the Board chair.

The district will post the names and contact information of the designees for each school building, in the respective school, designated to receive reports of suspected abuse and the procedures in JHFE/GBNAB-AR(1) - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child the designee will follow upon receipt of a report, the contact information for making a report to ~~local~~ law enforcement ~~and~~ or the ~~local~~ centralized child abuse reporting system of DHS ~~office or its designee~~, and a statement that this duty to report suspected abuse is in addition to the requirements of reporting to a designated licensed administrator.

When a designee receives a report of suspected abuse, the designee will follow procedure established by the district and set forth in administrative regulation JHFE/GBNAB-AR(1) - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child. All such reports of suspected abuse will be reported to a law enforcement agency or DHS, ~~or its designee~~, for investigation, and the agency will complete an investigation regardless of any changes in the relationship or duties of the person who is the alleged abuser.

When there is reasonable cause to support a report, a district employee suspected of abuse shall be placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. When there is reasonable cause to support a report, a district contractor, agent or volunteer suspected of abuse shall be removed from providing services to the district and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

The district will notify the person, as allowed by state and federal law, who was subjected to the suspected abuse about any actions taken by the district as a result of the report.

A substantiated report of abuse by an employee shall be documented in the employee's personnel file. A substantiated report of abuse by a student shall be documented in the student's education record.

The initiation of a report in good faith, pursuant to this policy, may not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or the work environment of the person initiating the report or who may have been subjected to abuse. If a student initiates a report of suspected abuse of a child by a district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student, in good faith, the student will not be disciplined by the district or

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<sup>7</sup> {ORS 339.372 requires the district to post the names and contact information of the persons, i.e., a licensed administrator and an alternate licensed administrator, who are designated to receive reports of sexual abuse for a school building in the respective school building. A "licensed administrator" is a person employed as an administrator by the district and holds an administrative license issued by TSPC or may be a person employed by the district that does not hold an administrative license issued by TSPC if the district does not require the administrator to be licensed by TSPC.}

<sup>8</sup> {A "licensed administrator" is a person employed as an administrator by the district and holds an administrative license issued by TSPC or may be a person employed by the district that does not hold an administrative license issued by TSPC if the district does not require the administrator to be licensed by TSPC.}

any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer. Intentionally making a false report of abuse of a child is a Class A violation.

The district shall provide information and training each school year to district employees on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050 and as directed by Board policy to report suspected abuse of a child, and appropriate electronic communications with students. The district shall make available each school year the training described above to contractors, agents, volunteers, and parents and legal guardians of students attending district-operated schools, and will be made available separately from the training provided to district employees. The district shall provide each school year information on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under Board policy to report abuse, and appropriate electronic communications with students to contractors, agents and volunteers. The district shall make available each school year training that is designed to prevent abuse to students attending district-operated schools.

The district shall provide to a district employee at the time of hire, or to a contractor, agent, or volunteer at the time of beginning service for the district, the following:

1. A description of conduct that may constitute abuse;
2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected abuse is substantiated; and
3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors, and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, as provided under ORS 339.378. A district employee, contractor or agent will not assist another district employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has reasonable or probable cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in abuse, unless criteria found in ORS 339.378(2)(c) are applicable.

Nothing in this policy prevents the district from disclosing information required by law or providing the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files pursuant to law.

The district shall make available to students, district employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers a policy of appropriate electronic communications with students.

Any electronic communications with students by a contractor, agent or volunteer for the district will be appropriate and only when directed by district administration. When communicating with students electronically regarding school-related matters, contractors, agents or volunteers shall use district e-mail, using mailing lists and/or other internet messaging approved by the district to a group of students rather than individual students or as directed by district administration. Texting or electronically communicating with a student through contact information gained as a contractor, agent or volunteer for the district is prohibited.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations as are necessary to implement this policy and to comply with state law.

END OF POLICY

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[ORS 339.370 - 339.400](#)  
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[ORS 418.257 - 418.259](#)  
Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements\*\* – JHFE/GBNAB

[ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050](#)

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# Grant School District 3

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## Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements\*\*

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the employee has come in contact has suffered abuse<sup>1</sup> shall orally report or cause an oral report immediately by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or its designee or to the law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.010. Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that any person<sup>2</sup> with whom the employee is in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the same manner to DHS or its designee or to the law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact pursuant to ORS 419B.010. If known, the report shall contain the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for the child's care, the child's age, the nature and extent of the suspected abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the suspected abuse, any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the possible cause of the abuse and the identity of a possible perpetrator.

Abuse of a child by district employees, contractors<sup>3</sup>, agents<sup>4</sup>, volunteers<sup>5</sup>, or students is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers and students are subject to this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student has engaged in abuse, or that a student has been subjected to abuse by another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student shall immediately report such to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or its designee or the local law enforcement agency pursuant to ORS 419B.015, and to the designated licensed administrator.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes the neglect of a child; abuse is defined in ORS 419B.005.

<sup>2</sup> "Person" could include adult, student or other child.

<sup>3</sup> "Contractor" means a person providing services to the district under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

<sup>4</sup> "Agent" means a person acting as an agent for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

<sup>5</sup> "Volunteer" means a person acting as a volunteer for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.



The district will designate a licensed administrator and an alternate licensed administrator, in the event that the designated licensed administrator is the suspected abuser, for each school building to receive reports of suspected abuse of a child by district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers or students.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Building principal who shall also report to the Board chair.

The district will post the names and contact information of the designees for each school building, in the respective school, designated to receive reports of suspected abuse and the procedures in GBNAB/JHFE-AR(1) - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child the designee will follow upon receipt of a report, the contact information for local law enforcement and the local DHS office or its designee, and a statement that this duty to report suspected abuse is in addition to the requirements of reporting to a designated licensed administrator.

When a designee receives a report of suspected abuse, the designee will follow procedure established by the district and set forth in administrative regulation GBNAB/JHFE-AR(1) - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child. All such reports of suspected abuse will be reported to a law enforcement agency or DHS, or its designee, for investigation, and the agency will complete an investigation regardless of any changes in the relationship or duties of the person who is the alleged abuser.

When there is reasonable cause to support a report, a district employee suspected of abuse shall be placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. When there is reasonable cause to support a report, a district contractor, agent or volunteer suspected of abuse shall be removed from providing services to the district and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

The district will notify the person, as allowed by state and federal law, who was subjected to the suspected abuse about any actions taken by the district as a result of the report.

A substantiated report of abuse by an employee shall be documented in the employee's personnel file. A substantiated report of abuse by a student shall be documented in the student's education record.

The initiation of a report in good faith, pursuant to this policy, may not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or the work environment of the person initiating the report or who may have been subjected to abuse. If a student initiates a report of suspected abuse of a child by a district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student, in good faith, the student will not be disciplined by the district or any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer. Intentionally making a false report of abuse of a child is a Class A violation.

The district shall provide information and training each school year to district employees on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050 and as directed by Board policy to report suspected abuse of a child, and appropriate electronic communications with students. The district shall make available each school year the training described above to contractors, agents, volunteers, and parents and legal guardians of students attending district-operated schools, and will be made available separately from the training provided to district employees. The district shall provide each school year information on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under Board policy to report abuse, and appropriate electronic communications with students to contractors, agents and volunteers. The district shall make available each school year training that is designed to prevent abuse to students attending district-operated schools.

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The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations as are necessary to implement this policy and to comply with state law.

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**Cross Reference(s):**

BBF - Board Member Ethics  
GBNAA/JHFF - Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements  
GBNAB/JHFE - Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements  
GCAB - Personal Communication Devices and Social Media - Staff  
JFCF - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student  
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## Sexual Harassment

{Required policy. The requirement for this policy comes from ORS 342.700 et. al., OAR 581-021-0038 and federal Title IX laws.}

The district is committed to eliminating sexual harassment. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the district. All students, staff members and other persons are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment. All staff members, students and third parties are subject to this policy. Any person may report sexual harassment.

The district processes complaints<sup>{1}</sup> or reports of sexual harassment under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.700 et. al. and federal Title IX laws found in Title 34 C.F.R. Part 106. Individual complaints may require both of these procedures, and may involve additional complaint procedures.

### General Procedures

When information, a report or complaint regarding sexual harassment is received by the district, the district will review such information, report or complaint to determine which law applies and will follow the appropriate procedures. When the alleged conduct could meet both of the definitions in ORS Chapter 342 and Title IX, both complaint procedures should be processed simultaneously (*see* JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure and JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure). The district may also need to use other complaint procedures when the alleged conduct could meet the definitions for other complaint procedures<sup>{2}</sup>.

### OREGON DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

#### Oregon Definition

Sexual harassment of students, staff members or third parties<sup>3</sup> shall include:

1. A demand or request for sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
2. Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is physical, verbal, or nonverbal and that:

<sup>1</sup> {Some districts choose not to use the terms “complaint” and “complainant” because they feel the stigma associated with the terms discourage victims from reporting conduct. The terms used in this policy are consistent with those included in the law. If the district chooses to change these terms, new terms must be consistent and clear. Note, “complainant” is defined under federal law.}

<sup>2</sup> {Common complaint procedures that may also be involved include: Nondiscrimination (Board policy AC), Workplace Harassment (Board policy GBEA), [Hazing, ]Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, [Menacing, ]Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence and Domestic Violence – Student (Board policy JFCF), and Reporting Requirements for Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students (Board policy JHFF/GBNAA).}

<sup>3</sup> “Third party” means a person who is not a student or a school or district staff member and who is: 1) on or immediately adjacent to school grounds or district property; 2) at a school-sponsored activity or program; or 3) off school grounds or district property if a student or a school or district staff member acts toward the person in a manner that creates a hostile environment for the person while on school or district property, or at a school- or district-sponsored activity.

- a. Interferes with a student’s educational activity or program;
  - b. Interferes with a school or district staff member’s ability to perform their job; or
  - c. Creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile environment.
3. Assault when sexual contact occurs without ~~the student’s, staff member’s or third party’s consent because the student, staff member or third party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is unconscious or is pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats~~ consent<sup>4</sup>.<sup>{5}</sup>

Sexual harassment does not include conduct that is necessary because of a job duty of a school or district staff member or because of a service required to be provided by a contractor, agent, or volunteer, if the conduct is not the product of sexual intent or a person finding another person, or another person’s actions, offensive because of that other person’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, <sup>{6}</sup>physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings; pictures and written materials; sexual gestures or obscene jokes; touching oneself sexually or talking about one’s sexual behaviors in front of others; or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity or performance.

**Oregon Procedures**

Reports and complaints of sexual harassment should be made to the following individual(s):

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Jay Hummel	Principal   Grant Union	(541)575-1799	<a href="mailto:hummelj@grantesd.org">hummelj@grantesd.org</a>
Andy Lusco	Vice Principal   Grant Union	(541) 575-1799	<a href="mailto:luscoa@grantesd.org">luscoa@grantesd.org</a>
Janine Attlesperger	Principal   Humbolt/Seneca	(541) 575-0454	<a href="mailto:attlespergerj@grantesd.org">attlespergerj@grantesd.org</a>
Mark Witty	Superintendent	(541) 575-1280 Ext 3025	<a href="mailto:markwitty@grantesd.org">markwitty@grantesd.org</a>

These individuals are responsible for accepting and managing complaints of sexual harassment. Persons wishing to report should contact them using the above information. Superintendent is also designated as the Title IX coordinator.<sup>{7}</sup> See JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

**Response**

Any staff member who becomes aware of behavior that may violate this policy shall [immediately] report to a district official. The district official (with coordination involving the reporting staff member when appropriate) will take any action necessary to ensure the:

<sup>4</sup> “Without consent” means an act performed: (a) without the knowing, voluntary and clear agreement by all parties to participate in the specific act; or (b) when a person who is a party to the act is incapacitated by drugs or alcohol; unconscious; or pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats to participate in the act.

<sup>5</sup> {The statutory definition (ORS 342.704) for sexual harassment includes separate definitions with slightly different language for students, staff members and third parties. The language used in this policy comes from OAR 581-021-0038(1). If the district would like to include the full statutory definition, it can do so.}

<sup>6</sup> {OAR 581-021-0038 requires that the policy include a “examples of harassing behaviors covered by policy”. The bracketed list in this policy reflects OSBA’s recommendations. The district has discretion in what is included in this list. If listing behaviors not reflected in OSBA recommendations, please have the list reviewed by the district’s legal counsel.}

<sup>7</sup> {This must be communicated elsewhere, but it is a good reason to specify it here as well.}

1. Student is protected and to promote a nonhostile learning environment;
2. Staff member is protected and to promote a nonhostile work environment; or
3. Third party who is subjected to the behavior is protected and to promote a nonhostile environment.

This includes providing resources for support measures to the student, staff member or third party who was subjected to the behavior and taking any actions necessary to remove potential future impact on the student, staff member or third party, but are not retaliatory against the student, staff member or third party being harassed or the person who reported to the district official.

Any student or staff member who feels they are a victim of sexual harassment are encouraged to [immediately] report their concerns to district officials, this includes officials such as the principal, compliance officer or superintendent. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official.

### **Investigation**

All reports and complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be investigated. The district may use, but is not limited to, the following means for investigating incidents of possible harassment:

1. Interviews with those involved;
2. Interviews with witnesses;
3. Review of video surveillance;
4. Review of written communications, including electronic communications;
5. Review of any physical evidence; and
6. Use of third-party investigator.

The district will use [a reasonable person] standard when determining whether a hostile environment exists. [A hostile environment exists if a reasonable person with similar characteristics and under similar circumstances would consider the conduct to be so severe as to create a hostile environment. {<sup>8</sup>}]

The district may take, but is not limited to, the following procedures and remedial action to address and stop sexual harassment:

1. [Discipline of staff and students engaging in sexual harassment];
2. Removal of third parties engaged in sexual harassment;
3. Additional supervision in activities;
4. Additional controls for district electronic systems;
5. Trainings and education for staff and students; and

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<sup>8</sup> {OSBA strongly recommends that the Board receive input from district administration prior to adopting a standard here. Of note, Title IX's definition of sexual harassment includes "unwelcome conduct determined *by a reasonable person* to be..." 34 CFR 106.30(a), emphasis added. It is important to consider the different definitions under Oregon law and Title IX when determining which standards will apply for the Oregon process.}

6. Increased notifications regarding district procedures and resources.]

When a student or staff member is harassed by a third party, the district will consider the following:

1. Removing that third party's ability to contract or volunteer with the district, or be present on district property;
2. If the third party works for an entity that contracts with the district, communicating with the third party's employer;
3. If the third party is a student of another district or school, communicate information related to the incident to the other district or school;
4. Limiting attendance at district events; and
5. Providing for additional supervision, including law enforcement if necessary, at district events.

### **No Retaliation**

Retaliation against persons who initiate complaint or otherwise report sexual harassment or who participate in an investigation or other related activities is prohibited. The initiation of a complaint, reporting of behavior, or participation in an investigation, in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the:

1. Educational assignments or educational environment of a student or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation; or
2. Any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a school or district staff member or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation.

Students who initiate a complaint or otherwise report harassment covered by the policy or who participate in an investigation may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered because of the report or investigation, unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct.

### **Notice**

When a person<sup>9</sup> who may have been affected by this policy files a complaint or otherwise reports behavior that may violate the policy, the district shall provide written notification to the following:

1. Each reporting person;
2. If appropriate, any impacted person who is not a reporting person;
3. Each reported person; and
4. Where applicable, a parent or legal guardian of a reporting person, impacted person, or reported person.

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<sup>9</sup> Student, staff member, or third party, or if applicable, the student or third party's parent. If the person is a minor, the district should consider when to contact the person's parent.

The written notification must include<sup>10</sup>:

1. Name and contact information for all person designated by the district to receive complaints;
2. The rights of the person that the notification is going to;
3. Information about the internal complaint processes available through the school or district that the [student, student's parents, staff member, person or person's parent] [person] who filed the complaint may pursue, including the person designated for the school or district for receiving complaints and any timelines;
4. Notice that civil and criminal remedies that are not provided by the school or district may be available to the person through the legal system and that those remedies may be subject to statutes of limitation;
5. Information about services available to the student or staff member through the school or district, including any counseling services, nursing services or peer advising;
6. Information about the privacy rights of the person and legally recognized exceptions to those rights for internal complaint processes and services available through the school or district;
7. Information about, and contact information for, services and resources that are available to the person, including but not limited to:
  - a. For the reporting person, state and community-based resources for persons who have experienced sexual harassment; or
  - b. For the reported persons, information about and contact information for state and community-based mental health services.
8. Notice that students who report about possible prohibited conduct and students who participate in an investigation under this policy may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered as a result of a prohibited conduct report or investigation unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct; and
9. Prohibition of retaliation.

Notification, to the extent allowable under state and federal student confidentiality laws, must be provided when the investigation is initiated and concluded. The notification at the conclusion must include whether a violation of the policy was found to have occurred.

The notice must:

1. Be written in plain language that is easy to understand;
2. Use print that is of a color, size and font that allows the notification to be easily read; and
3. Be made available to students, students' parents, staff members and member of the public at each office, at the district office and on the website of the school or district.

### **Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Support**

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<sup>10</sup> Remember confidentiality laws when providing any information.

The ODE will provide technical assistance and training upon request.

## **FEDERAL DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES**

### **Federal Definition**

Sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity<sup>11</sup>;
3. "Sexual assault": an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
4. "Dating violence": violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;
5. "Domestic violence": felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction; or
6. "Stalking": engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person fear for the person's own safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

This definition only applies to sex discrimination occurring against a person who is a subject of this policy in the United States. A district's treatment of a complainant or a respondent in response to a formal complaint of sexual harassment may constitute discrimination on the basis of sex under Title IX.

### **Federal Procedures**

The district will adopt and publish grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of the student and employee complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this policy. *See* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

### **Reporting**

Any person may report sexual harassment. This report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. The report can be made at any time.

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<sup>11</sup> "Education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the recipient exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs." (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a))



[Person or position] is designated as the Title IX coordinator [and can be contacted at [insert phone number]]. The Title IX coordinator will coordinate the district's efforts to comply with its responsibilities related to this policy. The district prominently will display the contact information for the Title IX coordinator on the district website and in each handbook.<sup>{12}</sup>

## Response

The district will promptly respond to information, allegations or reports of sexual harassment when there is actual knowledge of such harassment, even if a formal complaint has not been filed.<sup>13</sup> The district shall treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing supportive measures<sup>14</sup> to the complainant and by following a grievance procedure<sup>15</sup> prior to imposing any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. The Title IX coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Title IX coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes, with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.<sup>16</sup>

If after an individualized safety and risk analysis, it is determined that there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any person, an emergency removal of the respondent can take place.<sup>17</sup> The district must provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. A non-student employee may also be placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave pending the grievance process.

## Notice

The district shall provide notice to all applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the following:

1. The name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX coordinator(s);

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<sup>12</sup> {Note the difference in requirements for Title IX and Oregon law. It makes sense to align these requirements.}

<sup>13</sup> (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a)) Response cannot be deliberately indifferent. A recipient is deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

<sup>14</sup> (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a)) Supportive measures means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the recipient's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment.<sup>14</sup> The district must maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the recipient to provide supportive measures. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 99.30(a))

<sup>15</sup> This grievance procedure must meet the requirements of Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45 (included in accompanying administrative regulation, *see* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).

<sup>16</sup> The Title IX coordinator may also discuss that the Title IX coordinator has the ability to file a formal complaint.

<sup>17</sup> The district may still have obligations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(c))

2. That the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX. This includes admissions and employment; and
3. The grievance procedure and process, how to file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment, and how the district will respond.

Inquiries about the application to Title IX and its requirements may be referred to the Title IX coordinator or the Assistant Secretary<sup>18</sup>, or both.

### **No Retaliation**

Neither the district or any person may retaliate<sup>19</sup> against an individual for reporting, testifying, providing evidence, being a complainant, otherwise participating or refusing to participate in any investigation or process in accordance with this procedure. The district must keep confidential the identity of parties and participating persons, except as disclosure is allowed under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as required by law, or to carry out the proceedings herein. Complaints of retaliation may be filed using these procedures.

Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding does not constitute retaliation.

### **Publication**

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END OF POLICY

### **Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 243.706</a>	<a href="#">ORS 342.850</a>	<a href="#">ORS 659A.030</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.107</a>	<a href="#">ORS 342.865</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 342.700</a>	<a href="#">ORS 659.850</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0038</a>
<a href="#">ORS 342.704</a>	<a href="#">ORS 659A.006</a>	<a href="#">OAR 584-020-0040</a>
<a href="#">ORS 342.708</a>	<a href="#">ORS 659A.029</a>	<a href="#">OAR 584-020-0041</a>

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).  
 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2018).  
 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).  
 Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999).  
 Gebser v. Lago Vista Indep. Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

<sup>18</sup> Of the United States Department of Education.

<sup>19</sup> Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, intimidation, threats, coercion, and discrimination.

# Grant School District 3

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## Sexual Harassment

The district is committed to eliminating sexual harassment. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the district. All students, staff members and other persons are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment. All staff members, students and third parties are subject to this policy. Any person may report sexual harassment.

The district processes complaints or reports of sexual harassment under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.700 et. al. and federal Title IX laws found in Title 34 C.F.R. Part 106. Individual complaints may require both of these procedures, and may involve additional complaint procedures.

### General Procedures

When information, a report or complaint regarding sexual harassment is received by the district, the district will review such information, report or complaint to determine which law applies and will follow the appropriate procedures. When the alleged conduct could meet both of the definitions in ORS Chapter 342 and Title IX, both complaint procedures should be processed simultaneously (*see* GBN/JBA-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure and GBN/JBA-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure). The district may also need to use other complaint procedures when the alleged conduct could meet the definitions for other complaint procedures.

### OREGON DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

#### Oregon Definition

Sexual harassment of students, staff members or third parties<sup>1</sup> shall include:

1. A demand or request for sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
2. Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is physical, verbal, or nonverbal and that:
  - a. Interferes with a student's educational activity or program;
  - b. Interferes with a school or district staff member's ability to perform their job; or
  - c. Creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment.

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<sup>1</sup> "Third party" means a person who is not a student or a school or district staff member and who is: 1) on or immediately adjacent to school grounds or district property; 2) At a school-sponsored activity or program; or 3) Off school grounds or district property if a student or a school or district staff member acts toward the person in a manner that creates a hostile environment for the person while on school or district property, or at a school- or district-sponsored activity.

3. Assault when sexual contact occurs without the student's, staff member's or third party's consent because the student, staff member or third party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is unconscious or is pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats.

Sexual harassment does not include conduct that is necessary because of a job duty of a school or district staff member or because of a service required to be provided by a contractor, agent, or volunteer, if the conduct is not the product of sexual intent or a person finding another person, or another person's action, offensive because of that other person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings; pictures and written materials; sexual gestures or obscene jokes; touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual behaviors in front of others; or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity or performance.

### Oregon Procedures

Reports and complaints of sexual harassment should be made to the following individual(s):

Name	Position	Phone	Email
<u>Bret Uptmor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>541-575-1280</u>	<u><a href="mailto:uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us">uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us</a></u>
<u>Ryan Gerry</u>	<u>H.S. Principal</u>	<u>541-575-1799</u>	<u><a href="mailto:gerryr@grantesd.k12.or.us">gerryr@grantesd.k12.or.us</a></u>
<u>Darbie Dennison</u>	<u>Elementary Principal</u>	<u>541-575-0454</u>	<u><a href="mailto:dennisond@grantesd.k12.or.us">dennisond@grantesd.k12.or.us</a></u>

This/These individual(s) is/are responsible for accepting and managing complaints of sexual harassment. Persons wishing to report should contact them using the above information.—This person is also designated as the Title IX Coordinator. *See* GBN/JBA-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

### Response

Any staff member who becomes aware of behavior that may violate this policy shall report to a district official. The district official (with coordination involving the reporting staff member when appropriate) will take any action necessary to ensure the:

1. Student is protected and to promote a nonhostile learning environment;
2. Staff member is protected and to promote a nonhostile work environment; or
3. Third party who is subjected to the behavior is protected and to promote a nonhostile environment.

This includes providing resources for support measures to the student, staff member or third party who was subjected to the behavior and taking any actions necessary to remove potential future impact on the student, staff member or third party, but are not retaliatory against the student, staff member or third party being harassed or the person who reported to the district official.

Any student or staff member who feels they are a victim of sexual harassment are encouraged to report their concerns to district officials, this includes officials such as the principal, compliance officer or

superintendent. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official.

### **Investigation**

All reports and complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be investigated. The district may use, but is not limited to, the following means for investigating incidents of possible harassment:

1. Interviews with those involved;
2. Interviews with witnesses;
3. Review of video surveillance;
4. Review of written communications, including electronic communications;
5. Review of any physical evidence; and
6. Use of third-party investigator.

The district will use a reasonable person standard when determining whether a hostile environment exists. A hostile environment exists if a reasonable person with similar characteristics and under similar circumstances would consider the conduct to be so severe as to create a hostile environment.

The district may take, but is not limited to, the following procedures and remedial action to address and stop sexual harassment:

1. Discipline of staff and students engaging in sexual harassment;
2. Removal of third parties engaged in sexual harassment;
3. Additional supervision in activities;
4. Additional controls for district electronic systems;
5. Trainings and education for staff and students; and
6. Increased notifications regarding district procedures and resources.

When a student or staff member is harassed by a third party, the district will consider the following:

1. Removing that third party's ability to contract or volunteer with the district, or be present on district property;
2. If the third party works for an entity that contracts with the district, communicating with the third party's employer;
3. If the third party is a student of another district or school, communicate information related to the incident to the other district or school;
4. Limiting attendance at district events; and
5. Providing for additional supervision, including law enforcement if necessary, at district events.

## No Retaliation

Retaliation against persons who initiate complaint or otherwise report sexual harassment or who participate in an investigation or other related activities is prohibited. The initiation of a complaint, reporting of behavior, or participation in an investigation, in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the:

1. Educational assignments or educational environment of a student or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation; or
2. Any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a school or district staff member or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation.

Students who initiate a complaint or otherwise report harassment covered by the policy or who participate in an investigation may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered because of the report or investigation, unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct.

## Notice

When a person<sup>2</sup> who may have been affected by this policy files a complaint or otherwise reports behavior that may violate the policy, the district shall provide written notification to the following:

1. Each reporting person;
2. If appropriate, any impacted person who is not a reporting person;
3. Each reported person; and
4. Where applicable, a parent or legal guardian of a reporting person, impacted person, or reported person.

The written notification must include<sup>3</sup>:

1. Name and contact information for all person designated by the district to receive complaints;
2. The rights of the person that the notification is going to;
3. Information about the internal complaint processes available through the school or district that the person who filed the complaint may pursue, including the person designated for the school or district for receiving complaints and any timelines.
4. Notice that civil and criminal remedies that are not provided by the school or district may be available to the person through the legal system and that those remedies may be subject to statutes of limitation;

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<sup>2</sup> Student, staff member, or third party, or if applicable, the student or third party's parent. If the person is a minor, the district should consider when to contact the person's parent.

<sup>3</sup> Remember confidentiality laws when providing any information.

5. Information about services available to the student or staff member through the school or district, including any counseling services, nursing services or peer advising;
6. Information about the privacy rights of the person and legally recognized exceptions to those rights for internal complaint processes and services available through the school or district;
7. Information about, and contact information for, services and resources that are available to the person, including but not limited to:
  - a. For the reporting person, state and community-based resources for persons who have experienced sexual harassment; or
  - b. For the reported persons, information about and contact information for state and community-based mental health services.
8. Notice that students who report about possible prohibited conduct and students who participate in an investigation under this policy may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered as a result of a prohibited conduct report or investigation unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct; and
9. Prohibition of retaliation.

Notification, to the extent allowable under state and federal student confidentiality laws, must be provided when the investigation is initiated and concluded. The notification at the conclusion must include whether a violation of the policy was found to have occurred.

The notice must:

1. Be written in plain language that is easy to understand;
2. Use print that is of a color, size and font that allows the notification to be easily read; and
3. Be made available to students, students' parents, staff members and member of the public at each office, at the district office and on the website of the school or district.

### **Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Support**

The ODE will provide technical assistance and training upon request.

### **FEDERAL DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Federal Definition**

Sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity<sup>4</sup>;
3. "Sexual assault": an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
4. "Dating violence": violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;
5. "Domestic Violence": felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction; or
6. "Stalking": engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person fear for the person's own safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

This definition only applies to sex discrimination occurring against a person who is a subject of this policy in the United States. A district's treatment of a complainant or a respondent in response to a formal complaint of sexual harassment may constitute discrimination on the basis of sex under Title IX.

### **Federal Procedures**

The district will adopt and publish grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of the student and employee complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this policy. *See* GBN/JBA-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

### **Reporting**

Any person may report sexual harassment. This report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. The report can be made at any time.

The Superintendent is designated as the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will coordinate the district's efforts to comply with its responsibilities related to this AR. The district prominently will display the contact information for the Title IX Coordinator on the district website and in each handbook.

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<sup>4</sup> "Education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the recipient exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs." (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a))



## Response

The district will promptly respond to information, allegations or reports of sexual harassment when there is actual knowledge of such harassment, even if a formal complaint has not been filed.<sup>5</sup> The district shall treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing supportive measures<sup>6</sup> to the complainant and by following a grievance procedure<sup>7</sup> prior to imposing any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes, with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.<sup>8</sup>

If after an individualized safety and risk analysis, it is determined that there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any person, an emergency removal of the respondent can take place.<sup>9</sup> The district must provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. A non-student employee may also be placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave pending the grievance process.

## Notice

The district shall provide notice to all applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the following:

1. The name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator(s);
2. That the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX. This includes admissions and employment; and

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<sup>5</sup> (Title 34 C.F.R. §106.44(a)) Response cannot be deliberately indifferent. A recipient is deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

<sup>6</sup> (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a)) Supportive measures means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the recipient's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment.<sup>6</sup> The district must maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the recipient to provide supportive measures. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 99.30(a))

<sup>7</sup> This grievance procedure must meet the requirements of Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45 (included in accompanying administrative regulation, *see* GBN/JBA-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).

<sup>8</sup> The Title IX Coordinator may also discuss that the Title IX Coordinator has the ability to file a formal complaint.

<sup>9</sup> The district may still have obligations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(c))

3. The grievance procedure and process, how to file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment, and how the district will respond.

### **No Retaliation**

Neither the district or any person may retaliate<sup>10</sup> against an individual for reporting, testifying, providing evidence, being a complainant, otherwise participating or refusing to participate in any investigation or process in accordance with this procedure. The district must keep confidential the identity of parties and participating persons, except as disclosure is allowed under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as required by law, or to carry out the proceedings herein. Complaints of retaliation may be filed using these procedures.

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### **Cross Reference(s):**

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment

GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing - Staff

JFCF - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student

JHFE - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

JHFF - Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students

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## **Use of Restraint or Seclusion\*\***

{Required policy. The requirement for this policy comes from OAR 581-021-0556(12).}

The Board is dedicated to the development and application of best practices within the district's public educational/behavioral programs. The Board establishes this policy and its administrative regulation to define the circumstances that must exist and the requirements that must be met prior to, during, and after the use of restraint or seclusion as an intervention with district students.

The use of the following types of restraint on a student in the district is prohibited:

1. Chemical restraint.
2. Mechanical restraint.
3. Prone restraint.
4. Supine restraint.
5. Any restraint that involves the intentional and nonincidental use of a solid object<sup>1</sup>, including a wall or the floor, to impede a student's movement, unless the restraint is necessary to prevent an imminent life-threatening injury or to gain control of a weapon.
6. Any restraint that places, or creates a risk of placing, pressure on a student's mouth, neck or throat.
7. Any restraint that places, or creates a risk of placing, pressure on a student's mouth, unless the restraint is necessary for the purpose of extracting a body part from a bite.
8. Any restraint that impedes, or creates a risk of impeding, breathing.
9. Any restraint that involves the intentional placement of the hands, feet, elbow, knee or any object on a student's neck, throat, genitals or other intimate parts.
10. Any restraint that causes pressure to be placed, or creates a risk of causing pressure to be placed, on the stomach or back by a knee, foot or elbow bone.
11. Any action designed for the primary purpose of inflicting pain.

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<sup>1</sup> The use of a solid object, including furniture, a wall, or the floor, by district staff performing a restraint is not prohibited if the object is used for the staff's own stability or support while performing the restraint and not as a mechanism to apply pressure directly to the student's body.

Restraint or seclusion may not be used for discipline, punishment, retaliation or convenience of staff, contractors or volunteers of the district.

Restraint may be imposed on a student in the district only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's behavior imposes a reasonable risk of imminent and substantial physical or bodily injury to the student or others; and
2. Less restrictive interventions would not be effective.

Seclusion may be used on a student in the district only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's behavior imposes a reasonable risk of imminent and serious bodily injury to the student or others; and
2. Less restrictive interventions would not be effective.

If restraint or seclusion is used on a student, by trained staff or other staff available in the case of an emergency when trained staff are not immediately available due to the unforeseeable nature of the emergency, e.g., teacher, administrator, or volunteer, it will be used only for as long as the student's behavior poses a reasonable risk of imminent and substantial physical or bodily injury to the student or others and less restrictive interventions would not be effective. Students will be continuously monitored by staff for the duration of the restraint or seclusion.

## Definitions

1. "Restraint" means the restriction of a student's actions or movements by holding the student or using pressure or other means.

"Restraint" does not include:

- a. Holding a student's hand or arm to escort the student safely and without the use of force from one area to another;
- b. Assisting a student to complete a task if the student does not resist the physical contact; or
- c. Providing reasonable intervention with the minimal exertion of force necessary if the intervention does not include a restraint prohibited under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.288 and the intervention is necessary to:
  - (1) Break up a physical fight;
  - (2) Interrupt a student's impulsive behavior that threatens the student's immediate safety, including running in front of a vehicle or climbing on unsafe structures or objects; or
  - (3) Effectively protect oneself or another from an assault, injury or sexual contact with the minimum physical contact necessary for protection.

2. "Seclusion" means the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. Seclusion includes, but is not limited to, the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room with a closed door, whether the door is locked or unlocked.

"Seclusion" does not include the removal of a student for a short period of time to provide the student with an opportunity to regain self-control if the student is in a setting from which the student is not physically prevented from leaving, or a student being left alone in a room with a closed door

for a brief period of time if the student is left alone for a purpose that is unrelated to the student's behavior.

3. "Seclusion cell" means a freestanding, self-contained unit that is used to isolate the student from other students or physically prevent a student from leaving the unit or cause the student to believe that the student is physically prevented from leaving the unit.
4. "Serious bodily injury" means any significant impairment of the physical condition of a person, as determined by qualified medical personnel, whether self-inflicted or inflicted by someone else.
5. "Substantial physical or bodily injury" means any impairment of the physical condition of a person that requires some form of medical treatment.
6. "Mechanical restraint" means a device used to restrict the movement of a student or the movement or normal function of a portion of the body of a student.

"Mechanical restraint" does not include:

- a. A protective or stabilizing device ordered by a licensed physician; or
  - b. A vehicle safety restraint when used as intended during the transport of a student in a moving vehicle.
7. "Chemical restraint" means a drug or medication that is used on a student to control behavior or restrict freedom of movement that is not prescribed by a licensed physician or other qualified health professional acting under the professional's scope of practice for standard treatment of the student's medical or psychiatric condition; and administered as prescribed by a licensed physician or other qualified health professional acting under the professional's scope of practice.
  8. "Prone restraint" means a restraint in which a student is held face down on the floor.
  9. "Supine restraint" means a restraint in which a student is held face up on the floor.

Any student being restrained or secluded within the district whether in an emergency or as a part of a plan shall be constantly monitored by staff for the duration of the intervention. Any room used for seclusion of a student must meet the standards as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-021-0568.

~~\*WE USE CPI CURRENTLY\*~~The district shall only utilize <sup>2</sup> a training program ~~of~~ for restraint or seclusion ~~for use~~ to train staff and use in the district. ~~As required by state regulation, the selected program shall be one which has been approved by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and include, but not limited to, positive behavior support, conflict prevention, de-escalation and crisis response techniques. Any program selected by the district must be in compliance with state and federal law with respect to the use of restraint and seclusion.~~

The district shall preserve, and may not destroy, any records related to an incident of restraint or seclusion, including an audio or video recording. The records must be preserved in the original format and without alteration in accordance with law.

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<sup>2</sup> ~~{The district must identify the program utilized for training.}~~

An annual review of the use of restraint and seclusion during the preceding school year shall be completed and submitted to ODE to ensure compliance with district policies and procedures.

The results of the review and annual report shall be documented and shall include at a minimum:

1. The total number of incidents involving restraint;
2. The total number of incidents involving seclusion;
3. The total number of seclusions in a locked room;
4. The total number of students placed in restraint;
5. The total number of students placed in seclusion;
6. The total number of incidents that resulted in injuries or death to students or staff as a result of the use of restraint or seclusion;
7. The total number of students placed in restraint or seclusion more than 10 times in a school year and an explanation of what steps have been taken by the district to decrease the use of restraint and seclusion for each student;
8. The total number of restraint or seclusion incidents carried out by untrained individuals;
9. The demographic characteristics<sup>3</sup> of all students upon whom restraint or seclusion was imposed;
10. The total number of rooms available for use by the district for seclusion of a student and a description of the dimensions and design of the rooms.

This annual report shall be made available to the public at the district's main office and on the district's website, and to the Board. At least once each school year the parents and guardians of students of the district shall be notified about how to access the report.

The district shall investigate all complaints regarding the use of restraint and/or seclusion practices according to the procedures outlined in Board policy KL - Public Complaints and KL-AR - Public Complaint Procedure. The complaint procedure is available at the district's administrative office and is available on the home page of the district's website.

The complainant, whether an organization or an individual, may appeal a district's final decision to the Oregon Department of Education pursuant to OAR 581-002-0001 - 581-002-0023. [This appeal process is identified-represented in administrative regulation KL-AR(2) - Appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to carry out the requirements set forth in this policy and to meet any additional requirements established by law related to the use, reporting, and written

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<sup>3</sup> Including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency and status as economically disadvantaged, unless the demographic information would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.

documentation of the use of restraint or seclusion by district staff. A staff member who violates this policy or its administrative regulation may be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal.

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[ORS 161.205](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)  
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[ORS 339.288](#)  
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# Grant School District 3

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## Use of Restraint or Seclusion\*\*

The Board is dedicated to the development and application of best practices within the district's public educational/behavioral programs. The Board establishes this policy and its administrative regulation to define the circumstances that must exist and the requirements that must be met prior to, during, and after the use of restraint or seclusion as an intervention with district students.

The use of the following types of restraint on a student in the district is prohibited:

1. Chemical restraint.
2. Mechanical restraint.
3. Prone restraint.
4. Supine restraint.
5. Any restraint that involves the intentional and nonincidental use of a solid object<sup>1</sup>, including a wall or the floor, to impede a student's movement, unless the restraint is necessary to prevent an imminent life-threatening injury or to gain control of a weapon.
6. Any restraint that places, or creates a risk of placing, pressure on a student's mouth, neck or throat.
7. Any restraint that places, or creates a risk of placing, pressure on a student's mouth, unless the restraint is necessary for the purpose of extracting a body part from a bite.
8. Any restraint that impedes, or creates a risk of impeding, breathing.
9. Any restraint that involves the intentional placement of the hands, feet, elbow, knee or any object on a student's neck, throat, genitals or other intimate parts.
10. Any restraint that causes pressure to be placed, or creates a risk of causing pressure to be placed, on the stomach or back by a knee, foot or elbow bone.
11. Any action designed for the primary purpose of inflicting pain.

Restraint or seclusion may not be used for discipline, punishment, retaliation or convenience of staff, contractors or volunteers of the district.

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<sup>1</sup> The use of a solid object, including furniture, a wall, or the floor, by district staff performing a restraint is not prohibited if the object is used for the staff's own stability or support while performing the restraint and not as a mechanism to apply pressure directly to the student's body.



Restraint may be imposed on a student in the district only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's behavior imposes a reasonable risk of imminent and substantial physical or bodily injury to the student or others; and
2. Less restrictive interventions would not be effective.

Seclusion may be used on a student in the district only under the following circumstances:

1. The student's behavior imposes a reasonable risk of imminent and serious bodily injury to the student or others; and
2. Less restrictive interventions would not be effective.

If restraint or seclusion is used on a student, by trained staff or other staff available in the case of an emergency when trained staff are not immediately available due to the unforeseeable nature of the emergency, e.g., teacher, administrator, or volunteer, it will be used only for as long as the student's behavior poses a reasonable risk of imminent and substantial physical or bodily injury to the student or others and less restrictive interventions would not be effective. Students will be continuously monitored by staff for the duration of the restraint or seclusion.

## Definitions

1. "Restraint" means the restriction of a student's actions or movements by holding the student or using pressure or other means.

"Restraint" does not include:

- a. Holding a student's hand or arm to escort the student safely and without the use of force from one area to another;
  - b. Assisting a student to complete a task if the student does not resist the physical contact; or
  - c. Providing reasonable intervention with the minimal exertion of force necessary if the intervention does not include a restraint prohibited under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.288 and the intervention is necessary to:
    - (1) Break up a physical fight;
    - (2) Interrupt a student's impulsive behavior that threatens the student's immediate safety, including running in front of a vehicle or climbing on unsafe structures or objects; or
    - (3) Effectively protect oneself or another from an assault, injury or sexual contact with the minimum physical contact necessary for protection.
2. "Seclusion" means the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. Seclusion includes, but is not limited to, the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room with a closed door, whether the door is locked or unlocked.

"Seclusion" does not include the removal of a student for a short period of time to provide the student with an opportunity to regain self-control if the student is in a setting from which the student is not physically prevented from leaving, or a student being left alone in a room with a closed door for a brief period of time if the student is left alone for a purpose that is unrelated to the student's behavior.

3. "Serious bodily injury" means any significant impairment of the physical condition of a person, as determined by qualified medical personnel, whether self-inflicted or inflicted by someone else.

4. "Substantial physical or bodily injury" means any impairment of the physical condition of a person that requires some form of medical treatment.
5. "Mechanical restraint" means a device used to restrict the movement of a student or the movement or normal function of a portion of the body of a student.

"Mechanical restraint" does not include:

- a. A protective or stabilizing device ordered by a licensed physician; or
  - b. A vehicle safety restraint when used as intended during the transport of a student in a moving vehicle.
6. "Chemical restraint" means a drug or medication that is used on a student to control behavior or restrict freedom of movement that is not prescribed by a licensed physician or other qualified health professional acting under the professional's scope of practice for standard treatment of the student's medical or psychiatric condition; and administered as prescribed by a licensed physician or other qualified health professional acting under the professional's scope of practice.
  7. "Prone restraint" means a restraint in which a student is held face down on the floor.
  8. "Supine restraint" means a restraint in which a student is held face up on the floor.

Any student being restrained or secluded within the district whether in an emergency or as a part of a plan shall be constantly monitored by staff for the duration of the intervention. Any room used for seclusion of a student must meet the standards as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-021-0568.

The district shall utilize the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training program of restraint or seclusion for use in the district. As required by state regulation, the selected program shall be one approved by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and include, but not limited to, positive behavior support, conflict prevention, de-escalation and crisis response techniques. Any program selected by the district must be in compliance with state and federal law with respect to the use of restraint and seclusion.

An annual review of the use of restraint and seclusion during the preceding school year shall be completed and submitted to ODE to ensure compliance with district policies and procedures.

The results of the review and annual report shall be documented and shall include at a minimum:

1. The total number of incidents involving restraint;
2. The total number of incidents involving seclusion;
3. The total number of seclusions in a locked room;
4. The total number of students placed in restraint;
5. The total number of students placed in seclusion;
6. The total number of incidents that resulted in injuries or death to students or staff as a result of the use of restraint or seclusion;
7. The total number of students placed in restraint or seclusion more than 10 times in a school year and an explanation of what steps have been taken by the district to decrease the use of restraint and seclusion for each student;
8. The total number of restraint or seclusion incidents carried out by untrained individuals;

9. The demographic characteristics<sup>2</sup> of all students upon whom restraint or seclusion was imposed;
10. The total number of rooms available for use by the district for seclusion of a student and a description of the dimensions and design of the rooms.

This annual report shall be made available to the public at the district’s main office and on the district’s website and to the Board.

At least once each school year the parents and guardians of students of the district shall be notified about how to access the report.

The district shall investigate all complaints regarding the use of restraint and/or seclusion practices according to the procedures outlined in Board policy KL - Public Complaints and KL-AR - Public Complaint Procedure. The complaint procedure is available at the district’s administrative office and is available on the home page of the district’s website.

The complainant, whether an organization or an individual, may appeal a district’s final decision to the Oregon Department of Education pursuant to OAR 581-002-0001 - 581-002-0023. This appeal process is identified in administrative regulation KL-AR(2) - Appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to carry out the requirements set forth in this policy and to meet any additional requirements established by law related to the use, reporting, and written documentation of the use of restraint or seclusion by district staff.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 161.205</a>	<a href="#">ORS 339.300</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0563</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.250</a>	<a href="#">ORS 339.303</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0566</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.285</a>		<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0568</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.288</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0061</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0569</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.291</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0550</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0570</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.294</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0553</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-022-2267</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.297</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0556</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-022-2370</a>

**Cross Reference(s):**

JGA - Corporal Punishment  
 JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities

<sup>2</sup> Including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency and status as economically disadvantaged, unless the demographic information would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.

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## Use of Restraint or Seclusion\*\*

{Required administrative regulation. ORS 339.294 requires a district to establish procedures to follow during and after an incident involving the use of restraint or seclusion. This administrative regulation helps support those procedures.}

### Procedure

1. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, school staff will attempt to immediately notify parents or guardians verbally or electronically.
2. Following an incident involving the use of restraint or seclusion, school staff will provide parents or guardians of the student the following:
  - a. Verbal or electronic notice of the incident by the end of the school day when the incident occurred.
  - b. Written documentation of the incident within 24 hours that provides:
    - (1) A description of the restraint or seclusion including:
      - (a) The date of the restraint or seclusion;
      - (b) The times the restraint or seclusion began and ended; and
      - (c) The location of the incident.
    - (2) A description of the student's activity that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
    - (3) The efforts used to de-escalate the situation and the alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
    - (4) The names of staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion;
    - (5) A description of the training status of the staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion, including any information that may need to be provided to the parent or guardian. ~~and~~
  - c. Timely notification of a debriefing meeting to be held and of the parent's or guardian's right to attend the meeting.
  - d. Immediate<sup>1</sup>, written notification of the existence of any records<sup>{2}</sup> related to an incident of restraint or seclusion (including photos or audio or video recording).
3. If the restraint or seclusion was administered by a person without training, the administrator will ensure written notice is issued to the parent or guardian of the student ~~that~~ which includes notice of the lack of training; and the reason ~~why a person without training administered the~~ restraint or

<sup>1</sup> "Immediate" means to act as soon as possible without undue delay, but in no case later than within 24 hours of the incident. (OAR 581-021-0556 (2)(e))

<sup>2</sup> {Such records shall be maintained in accordance with ORS 339.294(9).}

seclusion was administered by a person without training. The administrator will ensure written notice of the same to the superintendent.

4. An administrator will be notified as soon as practicable whenever restraint or seclusion has been used.
5. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes the student must be provided with adequate access to bathroom and water every 30 minutes. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, every 15 minutes after the first 30 minutes, an administrator for the district must provide written authorization for the continuation of the restraint or seclusion, including providing documentation for the reason the restraint or seclusion must be continued. Whenever restraint or seclusion extends beyond 30 minutes, staff of the district will immediately attempt to verbally or electronically notify a parent or guardian.
6. A district Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report must be completed and copies provided to those attending the debriefing meeting for review and comment. The completed Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report Form shall include the following:
  - a. Name of the student;
  - b. Name of staff member(s) administering the restraint or seclusion;
  - c. Date of the restraint or seclusion and the time the restraint or seclusion began and ended;
  - d. Location of the restraint or seclusion;
  - e. A description of the restraint or seclusion;
  - f. A description of the student's activity immediately preceding the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
  - g. A description of the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
  - h. Efforts to de-escalate the situation and alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
  - i. Information documenting parent or guardian contact and notification.
7. A documented debriefing meeting must be held within two school days after the use of restraint or seclusion. The parent or guardian of the student must be invited to attend the meeting<sup>3</sup>, and the meeting will include staff members involved in the intervention **must be included in the meeting** and any other appropriate personnel. The debriefing team shall include an administrator. At the debriefing meeting, the district shall review, in its entirety, any audio or video recording<sup>4</sup> preserved as a record of the incident involving restraint or seclusion in accordance with law. Written notes shall be taken and a copy of the written notes shall be provided to the parent or guardian of the student.

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<sup>3</sup> "Meeting" means the debriefing meeting at which the audio or video recording will be viewed. (OAR 581-021-0556(9))

<sup>4</sup> [To the extent practicable without altering the meaning of the record, the district shall segregate or redact from such a record any personally identifiable information of other students before disclosure to the student's parent or guardian. If the district is unable to segregate or redact personally identifiable information of other students without altering the meaning of the record, the district shall disclose the record to the student's parent or guardian in its original format and without any alteration. "Disclose" means to inform the student's parent or guardian that the record exists; that the record in its original format and without alteration will be available for review by the parent or guardian privately and in the debriefing meeting; and that a copy of the record will be provided to the student's parent or guardian upon request in its original and unaltered format except to the extent that the redaction is needed to protect the personally identifiable information of another student. (ORS 339.294; OAR 581-021-0556(10))]

The parent or guardian has the right to request another meeting in the event they were unable to attend the debriefing meeting scheduled to be held within two school days of the incident.

8. If serious bodily injury or death of a student occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion:
  - a. Oral notification of the incident must be provided immediately to a parent or guardian of the student and to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS); and
  - b. ~~w~~Written notification of the incident must be provided to ~~the Department of Human Services~~DHS within 24 hours of the incident.
9. If serious bodily injury or death of a staff member occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion, written notification of the incident must be provided within 24 hours of the incident to the superintendent, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction ~~within 24 hours of the incident, or~~ and, if applicable, to the union representative for the affected person, ~~if applicable~~.
10. The district ~~will~~ shall maintain a record of each incident in which injuries or death occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion.
11. [The district, upon request from DHS regarding an investigation of an incident of restraint or seclusion as suspected child abuse, shall disclose any records preserved to DHS or its designee which are deemed relevant to the subject investigation, in its original format and without any alteration.]

#### **Restraint and/or seclusion as a part of a behavioral support plan in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.**

1. Parent participation in the plan is required.
2. The IEP team that develops the behavioral support plan shall include knowledgeable and trained staff, including a behavioral specialist and a district representative who is familiar with the restraint and seclusion training practices adopted by the district.
3. Prior to the implementation of any behavioral support plan that includes restraint and/or seclusion, a functional behavioral assessment must be completed. The assessment plan must include an individual threshold for reviewing the plan.
4. [When a behavior support plan includes restraint or seclusion the parents [will] [may] be provided a copy of the district Use of Restraint or Seclusion policy at the time the plan is developed.]
5. If a student is involved in five incidents in a school year, the team, including a parent or guardian of the student, will form for the purpose of reviewing and revising the student's behavior plan and ensuring the provision of any necessary behavioral supports.

#### **Use of restraint and/or seclusion in an emergency by school administrator, staff or volunteer to maintain order or prevent a student from harming themselves, other students or school staff.**

Use of restraint and/or seclusion under these circumstances with a student who does not have restraint and/or seclusion as a part of their IEP or Section 504 plan, is subject to all of the requirements established by Board policy and this administrative regulation with the exception of those specific to plans developed in an IEP or 504 plan.

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## Use of Restraint or Seclusion

### Procedure

1. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, school staff will attempt to immediately notify parents or guardians verbally or electronically.
  2. Following an incident involving the use of restraint or seclusion, school staff will provide parents or guardians of the student the following:
    - a. Verbal or electronic notice of the incident by the end of the school day when the incident occurred.
    - b. Written documentation of the incident within 24 hours that provides:
      - (1) A description of the restraint or seclusion including:
        - (a) The date of the restraint or seclusion;
        - (b) The times the restraint or seclusion began and ended; and
        - (c) The location of the incident.
      - (2) A description of the student's activity that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
      - (3) The efforts used to de-escalate the situation and the alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
      - (4) The names of staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion;
      - (5) A description of the training status of the staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion, including any information that may need to be provided to the parent or guardian; and
      - (6) Timely notification of a debriefing meeting to be held and of the parent's or guardian's right to attend the meeting.
  - If the restraint or seclusion was administered by a person without training, the administrator will ensure written notice is issued to the parent or guardian of the student that includes the lack of training, and the reason why a person without training administered the restraint or seclusion. The administrator will ensure written notice of the same to the superintendent.
3. An administrator will be notified as soon as practicable whenever restraint or seclusion has been used.
  4. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes the student must be provided with adequate access to bathroom and water every 30 minutes. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, every 15 minutes after the first 30 minutes, an administrator for the district must provide written authorization for the continuation of the restraint or seclusion, including providing documentation for the reason the restraint or seclusion must be continued. Whenever restraint or

seclusion extends beyond 30 minutes, staff of the district will immediately attempt to verbally or electronically notify a parent or guardian.

5. A district Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report must be completed and copies provided to those attending the debriefing meeting for review and comment. The completed Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report Form shall include the following:
  - a. Name of the student;
  - b. Name of staff member(s) administering the restraint or seclusion;
  - c. Date of the restraint or seclusion and the time the restraint or seclusion began and ended;
  - d. Location of the restraint or seclusion;
  - e. A description of the restraint or seclusion;
  - f. A description of the student's activity immediately preceding the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
  - g. A description of the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
  - h. Efforts to de-escalate the situation and alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
  - i. Information documenting parent or guardian contact and notification.
6. A documented debriefing meeting must be held within two school days after the use of restraint or seclusion; staff members involved in the intervention must be included in the meeting. The debriefing team shall include an administrator. Written notes shall be taken and a copy of the written notes shall be provided to the parent or guardian of the student.
7. If serious bodily injury or death of a student occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion, written notification of the incident must be provided to the Department of Human Services within 24 hours of the incident.
8. If serious bodily injury or death of a staff member occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion, written notification of the incident must be provided to the superintendent within 24 hours of the incident, or to the union representative for the affected person, if applicable.
9. The district will maintain a record of each incident in which injuries or death occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion.

**Restraint and/or seclusion as a part of a behavioral support plan in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.**

1. Parent participation in the plan is required.
2. The IEP team that develops the behavioral support plan shall include knowledgeable and trained staff, including a behavioral specialist and a district representative who is familiar with the restraint and seclusion training practices adopted by the district.
3. Prior to the implementation of any behavioral support plan that includes restraint and/or seclusion, a functional behavioral assessment must be completed. The assessment plan must include an individual threshold for reviewing the plan.
4. If a student is involved in five incidents in a school year, the team, including a parent or guardian of the student, will form for the purpose of reviewing and revising the student's behavior plan.



**Use of restraint and/or seclusion in an emergency by school administrator, staff or volunteer to maintain order or prevent a student from harming themselves, other students or school staff.**

Use of restraint and/or seclusion under these circumstances with a student who does not have restraint and/or seclusion as a part of their IEP or Section 504 plan, is subject to all of the requirements established by Board policy and this administrative regulation with the exception of those specific to plans developed in an IEP or 504 plan.

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## Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

{Required administrative regulation. ORS 339.372 requires school boards to have procedures for reporting on, and responding to reports of, suspected abuse of a child.}

### Reporting

Any district employee having reasonable cause to believe that **any child** with whom the employee comes in contact has suffered abuse<sup>1</sup> shall ~~orally make a report or cause an oral report~~ immediately ~~by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the~~ to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) ~~or its designee~~ through the centralized child abuse reporting system<sup>[2]</sup> or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of their contact. Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that **any person**<sup>3</sup> with whom the employee is in contact has abused a child shall immediately report ~~or cause a report to be made~~ in the same manner ~~to DHS or its designee or to the law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact pursuant to ORS 419B.010.~~

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student has engaged in abuse, or that a student has been subjected to abuse by another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student shall immediately report such to ~~the DHS or its designee~~ through its centralized child abuse reporting system or ~~the local~~ to a law enforcement agency ~~pursuant to ORS 419B.015,~~ and to ~~the~~ a designated licensed administrator or alternate licensed administrator for their school building.

~~If known,~~ The report shall must contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for the child's care, the child's age, the nature and extent of the suspected abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the suspected abuse, any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the possible cause of the suspected abuse and the identity of a possible perpetrator.

If the superintendent is the alleged abuser the report shall be submitted to the [insert {<sup>4</sup>} licensed administrator position title] who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

A written record of the abuse report shall be made by the employee reporting the suspected abuse of a student and will include: name and position of the person making the report; name of the student; name and position of any witness; description of the nature and extent of the abuse, including any information

<sup>1</sup> Includes the neglect of a child; abuse is defined in ORS 419B.005.

<sup>2</sup> [How to report abuse or neglect: [Oregon DHS](#). Call 855-503-SAFE (7233)]

<sup>3</sup> "Person" could include adult, student or other child.

<sup>4</sup> {A "licensed administrator" is a person employed as an administrator by the district and holds an administrative license issued by TSPC or may be a person employed by the district that does not hold an administrative license issued by TSPC if the district does not require the administrator to be licensed by TSPC.}

which could be helpful in establishing cause of abuse and identity of the abuser; description of how the report was made (i.e., phone or other method); name of the agency and individual who took the report; date and time that the report was made; and name of district administrator who received a copy of the written report.

The written record of the abuse report shall not be placed in the student's educational record. A copy of the written report shall be retained by the employee making the report and a copy shall be provided to the designee that received the report.

When the designee receives a report of suspected abuse of a child by a district employee, and there is reasonable cause to support the report, the district shall place the district employee on paid administrative leave<sup>5</sup> and take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. The employee shall remain on leave until DHS or law enforcement determines that the report is substantiated and the district takes the appropriate employment action, or cannot be substantiated or is not a report of abuse and the district determines that either 1) an employment policy was violated and the district will take appropriate employment action against the employee, or 2) an employment policy has not been violated and no action is required by the district against the employee.

When the designee receives a report of suspected abuse by a contractor<sup>{6}</sup>, agent or volunteer, the district shall prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services to the district. If the district determines there is reasonable cause to support the report of suspected abuse, the district shall prohibit the contractor agent or volunteer from providing services. The district may reinstate the contractor, agent or volunteer, and such reinstatement may not occur until such time as a report of suspected abuse has been investigated<sup>7</sup> and a determination has been made by law enforcement or DHS that the report is unsubstantiated.

The written record of each reported incident of abuse of a child, action taken by the district and any findings as a result of the report shall be maintained by the district.

If, following the investigation, the district decides to take an employment action, the district will inform the district employee of the employment action to be taken and provide information about the appropriate appeal process. The employee may appeal the employment action taken through the appeal process provided by the applicable collective bargaining agreement. The employee may appeal the employment action taken through an appeal process administered by a neutral third party.

If the district is notified that the employee decided not to appeal the employment action or if the determination of an appeal sustained the employment action, a record of the findings of the substantiated report and the employment action taken by the district will be placed in the records on the school employee maintained by the district. Such records created are confidential and not public records as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.311, however the district may use the record as a basis for providing information required to be disclosed about a district employee under ORS 339.378(1). The

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<sup>5</sup> The district employee cannot be required to use any accrued leave during the imposed paid administrative leave.

<sup>6</sup> {The district is encouraged to duplicate this language in the contract. If the contract is with a company and the person assigned to do the work is the alleged perpetrator, the district shall notify the company and request another company employee be assigned to complete the work.}

<sup>7</sup> The district will investigate all reports of suspected abuse, unless otherwise requested by DHS or its designee or law enforcement pursuant to law.

district will notify the employee that information about substantiated reports may be disclosed to a potential employer.

## Definitions

1. Oregon law ~~recognizes these and other types of abuse~~ defines “abuse” in ORS 419B.005(1):
  - a. ~~Physical;~~
  - b. ~~Neglect;~~
  - c. ~~Mental injury;~~
  - d. ~~Threat of harm;~~
  - e. ~~Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.~~
2. “Child” means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age or is ~~under 21 years of age and residing in or receiving care or services at a child-caring agency~~ a child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.
3. [A “substantiated report” means a report of abuse that a law enforcement agency or DHS determines is founded.]

## Confidentiality of Records

The name, address and other identifying information about the employee who made the report are confidential and are not accessible for public inspection.

Upon request from law enforcement or DHS the district shall immediately provide requested documents or materials to the extent allowed by state and federal law.

## Failure to Comply

Any district employee who fails to report a suspected abuse of a child as provided by this policy and the prescribed Oregon law commits a violation punishable by law. A district employee who fails to comply with the confidentiality of records requirements commits a violation punishable by the prescribed law. If an employee fails to report suspected abuse of a child or fails to maintain confidentiality of records as required by ~~this policy~~ or this administrative regulation, the employee will be disciplined up to and including dismissal.

## Cooperation with Investigator

The district staff shall make every effort in suspected abuse of a child cases to cooperate with investigating officials as follows:

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designee of the school may, at the discretion of the investigator, be present to facilitate the interview. If the investigating official does not have adequate identification the administrator shall refuse access to the student.

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## Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

### Reporting

Any district employee having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the employee comes in contact has suffered abuse<sup>1</sup> shall orally report or cause an oral report immediately by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or its designee or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is at the time of their contact. Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that any person<sup>2</sup> with whom the employee is in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the same manner to DHS or its designee or to the law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact pursuant to ORS 419B.010.

Any district employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student has engaged in abuse, or that a student has been subjected to abuse by another district employee, contractor, agent, volunteer or student shall immediately report such to the DHS or its designee or the local law enforcement agency pursuant to ORS 419B.015, and to the designated licensed administrator or alternate licensed administrator for their school building.

If known, the report shall contain the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for the child's care, the child's age, the nature and extent of the suspected abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the suspected abuse, any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the possible cause of the suspected abuse and the identity of a possible perpetrator.

If the superintendent is the alleged abuser the report shall be submitted to the building principal who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

A written record of the abuse report shall be made by the employee reporting the suspected abuse of a student and will include: name and position of the person making the report; name of the student; name and position of any witness; description of the nature and extent of the abuse, including any information which could be helpful in establishing cause of abuse and identity of the abuser; description of how the report was made (i.e., phone or other method); name of the agency and individual who took the report; date and time that the report was made; and name of district administrator who received a copy of the written report.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes the neglect of a child; abuse is defined in ORS 419B.005.

<sup>2</sup> "Person" could include adult, student or other child.

The written record of the abuse report shall not be placed in the student's educational record. A copy of the written report shall be retained by the employee making the report and a copy shall be provided to the designee that received the report.

When the designee receives a report of suspected abuse of a child by a district employee, and there is reasonable cause to support the report, the district shall place the district employee on paid administrative leave<sup>3</sup> and take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. The employee shall remain on leave until DHS or law enforcement determines that the report is substantiated and the district takes the appropriate employment action, or cannot be substantiated or is not a report of abuse and the district determines that either 1) an employment policy was violated and the district will take appropriate employment action against the employee, or 2) an employment policy has not be violated and no action is required by the district against the employee.

When the designee receives a report of suspected abuse by a contractor, agent or volunteer, the district shall prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services to the district. If the district determines there is reasonable cause to support the report of suspected abuse, the district shall prohibit the contractor agent or volunteer from providing services. The district may reinstate the contractor, agent or volunteer, and such reinstatement may not occur until such time as a report of suspected abuse has been investigated<sup>4</sup> and a determination has been made by law enforcement or DHS that the report is unsubstantiated.

The written record of each reported incident of abuse of a child, action taken by the district and any findings as a result of the report shall be maintained by the district.

If, following the investigation, the district decides to take an employment action, the district will inform the district employee of the employment action to be taken and provide information about the appropriate appeal process. The employee may appeal the employment action taken through the appeal process provided by the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

If the district is notified that the employee decided not to appeal the employment action or if the determination of an appeal sustained the employment action, a record of the findings of the substantiated report and the employment action taken by the district will be placed in the records on the school employee maintained by the district. Such records created are confidential and not public records as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.311, however the district may use the record as a basis for providing information required to be disclosed about a district employee under ORS 339.378(1). The district will notify the employee that information about substantiated reports may be disclosed to a potential employer.

## **Definitions**

1. Oregon law recognizes these and other types of abuse:
  - a. Physical;
  - b. Neglect;
  - c. Mental injury;

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<sup>3</sup> The district employee cannot be required to use any accrued leave during the imposed paid administrative leave.

<sup>4</sup> The district will investigate all reports of suspected abuse, unless otherwise requested by DHS or its designee or law enforcement pursuant to law.

- d. Threat of harm;
  - e. Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.
2. "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age or is under 21 years of age and residing in or receiving care or services at a child-caring agency.
  3. A "substantiated report" means a report of abuse that a law enforcement agency or DHS determines is founded.

### **Confidentiality of Records**

The name, address and other identifying information about the employee who made the report are confidential and are not accessible for public inspection.

Upon request from law enforcement or DHS the district shall immediately provide requested documents or materials to the extent allowed by state and federal law.

### **Failure to Comply**

Any district employee who fails to report a suspected abuse of a child as provided by this policy and the prescribed Oregon law commits a violation punishable by law. A district employee who fails to comply with the confidentiality of records requirements commits a violation punishable by the prescribed law. If an employee fails to report suspected abuse of a child or fails to maintain confidentiality of records as required by this policy, the employee will be disciplined up to and including dismissal.

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