

Clatskanie School District 6J

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The following symbol is used on some policies:

* May be subject to collective bargaining.

** As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005(4) and 125.300-125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.

[] Brackets occur in sample policies to indicate the need for districts to select or tailor information specific to their particular situations.

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Personnel: Definitions

“Licensed employees” are those holding a position that requires a license issued by the state Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC).

1. A “teacher” is an employee who holds a teacher’s license or is registered to teach by TSPC.
2. A “contract teacher” is any teacher who has been regularly employed by the district for a probationary period of not more than three successive school years and who has been retained for the next succeeding school year.
3. A “probationary teacher” is one who is not a contract teacher and who works at least 135 consecutive days in any school year as a teacher in the district. At least 30 consecutive days of employment in the district in a successive year shall be sufficient to keep the service intact, and the teacher shall not lose credit for previous probationary years served.
4. A “temporary teacher” is any teacher employed to fill a position designated as temporary or experimental or to fill a vacancy that occurs after the opening of school because of unanticipated enrollment or the death, disability, retirement, resignation, contract nonextension or dismissal of a contract or probationary teacher.
5. A “substitute teacher” is any teacher employed to take the place of a probationary or contract teacher who is temporarily absent. A substitute teacher is employed on a day-to-day basis, without contract, and does the work of the regularly assigned teacher during the latter’s absence from duty. Substitutes will not be eligible for fringe benefits and will be paid at a rate established annually by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Oregon law.
6. An “intern teacher” is a regularly enrolled candidate of an approved educator preparation provider, who teaches under the supervision of the staff of the provider and of the employing district, in order to acquire practical experience in teaching. The intern teacher receives both academic credit from the provider and financial compensation from the district or education service district.
7. An “administrator” is an employee who holds a valid Oregon administrative license or registration and who works in a position requiring an administrative license. An administrator includes but is not limited to, all superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals and academic program directors in public schools or education service districts, who have direct responsibility for supervision or evaluation of licensed teachers and who are compensated for their services with public funds.
8. A “specialist” is an employee who has a teaching license or a letter of authorization from the Oregon Department of Education and who is employed half-time or more.

“Classified personnel” are those employees in positions for which no teaching or administrative licenses are required by law.

1. “Regular classified employees” are those regularly employed in positions established by the Board requiring 20 or more hours per week for at least a full school year.
2. “Part-time regular classified employees” are those employed in positions established by the Board requiring less than 20 hours per week for at least a full school year.
3. “Temporary/Substitute classified employees” are those employed on an as-needed basis. The Board shall determine if these employees are eligible for benefits.

“Supervisory employees” are those individuals having authority to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward or discipline other employees, or responsibly to direct them, or to adjust their grievances or effectively to recommend such action if the exercise of such authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature but requires the use of independent judgment.

“Confidential employees” are designated in accordance with Oregon law (ORS 243.650(6)). Such employees will be excluded from any bargaining unit. Salaries and benefits for confidential employees will be established by the Board.

“Administrative employee” means an employee of the district who possesses authority to formulate and carry out administrative and/or program decisions, or who represents administration’s interest by taking or effectively recommending discretionary actions that control or implement district policy, and who has discretion in the performance of these administrative and/or program responsibilities beyond the routine discharge of duties. An administrative employee need not act in a supervisory capacity in relation to other employees.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650\(6\), \(23\)](#)
[ORS 332.505](#)
[ORS 332.554\(3\)](#)
[ORS 342.120](#)
[ORS 342.125](#)

[ORS 342.420](#)
[ORS 342.610](#)
[ORS 342.815](#)
[ORS 342.835](#)
[ORS 342.840](#)

[ORS 342.845](#)
[OAR 584-020-0005](#)

Job York v. Portland Sch. Dist., No. FDA 83-7 (August 1983).

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Job Descriptions

Job descriptions serve to:

1. ~~Describe~~To describe all essential functions that the individual who holds the position must be able to perform unaided or with the assistance of a reasonable accommodation;
2. ~~Describe~~To describe attendance standards;
3. ~~Help~~To help applicants determine the qualifications needed to fill a position;
4. ~~Help~~To help district administrators determine which candidates to recommend for appointment; and
5. ~~Assist~~To assist administrators in the evaluation of the employee's performance of ~~position~~job responsibilities.

“Essential functions,” as used in this policy means, the fundamental job duties of the employment position. A job function may be considered essential for ~~any of several~~ reasons, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The function may be essential because the reason the position exists is to perform the function;
2. The function may be essential because of the limited number of employees available among whom the performance of the job function can be distributed; and/or
3. The function may be highly specialized so that the individual is hired for ~~their~~his/her expertise or ability to perform the particular function.

“Attendance standards,” as used in this policy means, the regular work hours of the position, including leave and vacation provisions available through policy and/or collective bargaining agreements and any special attendance needs of the position as determined by the district.

Job descriptions will be developed ~~and updated~~ under the supervision of the superintendent ~~with consultation from respective employee associations~~ for each position in the district. Each job description shall be dated; ~~Job descriptions will be updated as job descriptions are reviewed and/or revised new dates will be affixed, determined necessary.~~

Job descriptions will be coded and retained in a document titled *Job Descriptions for the District*. The document will be available for inspection by any district employee or patron. Each employee shall receive a copy of their job description. Each employee shall affix their signature and date after having read the job description.

Job descriptions will be reviewed as needed. Initial or revised job descriptions will be approved by the superintendent Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 342.850\(2\)\(b\)\(A\)](#)

[OAR 581-022-2405](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2016); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2016).

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2012).

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

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General Personnel Policies

The quality of the professional and support staff is of primary importance in achieving the district's educational objectives. In filling any position, the district will seek out and appoint the best-qualified person available for the position.

~~The employment of candidates to fill regular positions will be approved by the Board upon the superintendent's recommendation. The superintendent will employ substitutes and other personnel as needed.~~

Notice of all regular job openings will be available to current staff members in accordance with current bargaining agreements. Vacant positions may also be advertised through professional and institutional placement agencies, appropriate employment agencies, and general and specialized media ~~with approval of the superintendent.~~

Applications or inquiries concerning job openings will be directed to the human resources ~~superintendent's~~ office on standard district application forms. The selection process will be coordinated and supervised by the superintendent or designee, with the involvement of other appropriate administrators and supervisors.

Each candidate selected for a position with the district must possess or demonstrate eligibility for any license or permit required to fill the position. In addition, the individual must be insurable by the district's insurance carrier for any position requiring liability insurance coverage or bonding.

In accordance with Oregon law, the district may require any candidate or current employee, as a condition of employment, to hold a current, recognized first-aid/CPR/AED card ~~or Emergency Medical Technician Certificate.~~ A current employee required to hold a card will obtain it within 90-days from the date the district gives notification.

~~Employees who are required to hold a first aid card as a condition of employment are responsible for maintaining a valid first aid card.~~

The superintendent will recommend ~~candidates~~ service contracts to fill any licensed positions in the district, or other positions as deemed necessary by the superintendent, for Board approval. The superintendent will hire all classified employees, substitutes and part-time personnel as needed.

Personnel selected for employment will be notified in writing following ~~Board~~ district approval. This notification will specify the assignment, the job classification, the salary or hourly rate, the length of the ~~workweek~~ ~~work-week~~ and the length of the assignment. Unsuccessful applicants who were interviewed will be notified.

Initial assignments of staff will be made by the superintendent or designee.

The superintendent will establish ~~guidelines~~^{regulations} governing the recruitment, selection and employment of personnel in accordance with this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 342.664](#)
[ORS 408.225](#)
[ORS 408.230](#)
[ORS 408.235](#)
[ORS 653.305 to -653.326](#)

[ORS 659A.309](#)

[OAR 581-022-2405](#)
[OAR 839-006-0435](#)
[OAR 839-006-0440](#)

[OAR 839-006-0450](#)
[OAR 839-006-0455](#)
[OAR 839-006-0460](#)
[OAR 839-006-0465](#)

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Equal Employment Opportunity

Equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be practiced by the district regardless of race¹, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity², national origin, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition³, age, veterans' status⁴, service in uniformed service, familial status, genetic information, an individual's juvenile record that has been expunged, and disability⁵ if the employee, with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position.

The superintendent will appoint an employee to serve as the officer in charge of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The superintendent will also designate a Title IX coordinator to comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments. The Title IX coordinator will investigate complaints communicated to the district alleging noncompliance with Title IX. The name, address and telephone number of the Title IX coordinator will be provided to all students and employees.

The superintendent will develop other specific recruiting, interviewing and evaluation procedures as are necessary to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100	ORS 408.230	ORS 659A.009
ORS 243.317 – 243.323	ORS 408.235	ORS 659A.029
ORS 326.051	ORS 652.210 - 652.220	ORS 659A.030
ORS 332.505	ORS 659.850	ORS 659A.040
ORS 342.934	ORS 659A.003	ORS 659A.082
ORS 408.225	ORS 659A.006	ORS 659A.109

¹ Race also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.001 (as amended by House Bill 2935 (2021)).

² “Sexual orientation” means an individual’s actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual’s gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individual’s sex at birth.

³ This unlawful employment practice related to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition as described in House Bill 2341 (2019) (added to ORS 659A) applies to employers who employ six or more persons.

⁴ The district grants a preference in hiring and promotion to veterans and disabled veterans. A veteran is eligible to use the preference any time when applying for a position at any time after discharge or release from service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

⁵ This unlawful employment practice related to disability as described in ORS 659A.112 applies to employers who employ six or more persons (ORS 659A.106).

[ORS 659A.112](#)
[ORS 659A.147](#)
[ORS 659A.233](#)
[ORS 659A.236](#)
[ORS 659A.309](#)
[ORS 659A.321](#)

[ORS 659A.409](#)
[ORS 659A.820](#)
[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-022-2405](#)
[OAR 839-003-0000](#)
[OAR 839-006-0435](#)

[OAR 839-006-0440](#)
[OAR 839-006-0450](#)
[OAR 839-006-0455](#)
[OAR 839-006-0460](#)
[OAR 839-006-0465](#)

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, et. seq. (2018).
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2018); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2019).
Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).
Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2018).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018).
The Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2018).
Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018).
Chevron USA Inc. v. Echazabal, 536 U.S. 736 (2002).
Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38 U.S.C. §§ 4301-4303 (2018).

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Veterans' Preference

Oregon's Veterans' Preference Law requires the district to grant a preference to qualified and eligible veterans and disabled veterans at each stage in the hiring and promotion process. To be **qualified** for veterans' preference, a veteran or disabled veteran must meet the minimum and any other special qualifications required for the position sought. To be **eligible** for veterans' preference¹ a veteran or disabled veteran must provide certification they are a veteran or disabled veteran as defined by Oregon law².

The district is not obligated to hire or promote a qualified and eligible veteran or disabled veteran. The district is obligated to interview all minimally qualified veterans or disabled veterans and to hire or promote a qualified or eligible veteran or disabled veteran if the individual is equal to or better than the top candidate after the veterans' preference has been applied.

A veteran may submit a written request to the district for an explanation of the reasons why they were not selected for the position. The district shall provide the reasons for not selecting the candidate when requested.

Recruitment Procedures

All job postings or announcements will include a concise list of minimum and any special qualifications required for the position. Job postings will include a statement that the district's policy is to provide veterans and disabled veterans with preference as required by law and the job posting will require applicants to provide certification³ of eligibility for preference, in addition to other requested materials.

Selection Procedures⁴

¹ See Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 408.235.

² See Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 408.225 and OAR 839-006-0440 for definitions of veteran and disabled veteran.

³ See Verification of Veteran's Preference (OAR 839-006-0465). An applicant claiming veteran's or disabled veteran's preference will submit a copy of their Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214 or 215) or a certification that the veteran is expected to be discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions not later than 120 days after the submission of the certification. A disabled veteran may also submit a copy of their letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, unless the information is included in the DD Form 214/215 or a certification that the veteran is expected to be medically separated from active duty under honorable conditions not later than 120 days after the submission of the certification.

⁴ ~~If the district chooses not to use a scored system the law requires that the district give special consideration in the district's hiring decision to veterans and disabled veterans and the district will need to be able to demonstrate the method used for providing special consideration. ORS 408.230(2)(c).~~

- Step 1: Before the review of any applications the human resource ~~director~~ coordinator will establish an evaluation scoring guide based on the minimum and any special qualifications listed in the job posting.
- Step 2: The human resource ~~director~~ coordinator will review the application materials using the evaluation scoring guide to determine which applicants meet the minimum and any special qualifications listed in the job posting. In assessing the applicant materials of a veteran or disabled veteran the human resource ~~director~~ coordinator shall evaluate whether the skill experience obtained in the military are transferable to the posted position. Any applicants that do not meet the minimum and any special qualifications shall be removed from the applicant pool.
- Step 3: Based on Step 2, the human resource ~~director~~ coordinator determines who will be interviewed. All qualified and eligible veterans or disabled veterans shall be given an opportunity to interview.
- Step 4: Interview questions and scoring sheets will be developed and each scoring sheet must be completed after each interview by the interviewers.
- Step 5: Following completion of the interviews, the human resource ~~director~~ coordinator shall complete the selection matrix and score the applicants based on the scoring sheets completed during interviews. Veterans' preference shall be applied by adding 5 percentage points to an eligible veteran and 10 percentage points to an eligible disabled veteran.
- Step 6: The human resource ~~director~~ coordinator makes the offer to the applicant with the highest final score. The district is not obligated to hire or promote a qualified and eligible veteran or disabled veteran.

The district is obligated to hire or promote a qualified or eligible veteran or disabled veteran if they are equal or better than the top candidate after the veterans' preference has been applied.

A veteran may submit a written request to the district for an explanation of the reasons why they were not selected for the position. The district shall provide the reasons for not selecting the candidate when requested.

Filing a Complaint

A veteran or disabled veteran is encouraged to contact the human resource office if they have any concerns or questions concerning the application of or the process used for veterans' preference.

A veteran or disabled veteran claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of Board policy GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity or this administrative regulation, may file a written complaint with the Civil Rights Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 659A.820.

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Staff Involvement in Decision Making

The superintendent will develop channels for the communication of ideas among staff, administrators and Board members and will recognize and consider staff opinion when presenting recommendations for Board actions unless prohibited by law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.704](#)

[OAR 581-022-1720](#)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).
Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

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Staff Ethics

I. Prohibited Use of Official ~~Position~~ Positions for Financial Gain

No district employee will attempt to use their district position to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment for themselves, relatives, members of household or for any business with which the employee, a household member or relative is associated, if the financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment would not otherwise be available but for the district employee's employment with the district.

This prohibition does not apply to any part of an official compensation package as approved by the Board, honorarium, reimbursement of expenses, or unsolicited awards of professional achievement. Further, this prohibition does not apply to gifts from one without a legislative or administrative interest. Nor does it apply if the gift is under the \$50 gift limit for one who has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee.

The employee may receive district or school logo apparel as part of the employee's official compensation package.

District employees will not engage in, or have a personal financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question regarding the use of their official position in ~~regard~~ regards to their duties and responsibilities as district employees. This would also apply to any personal financial benefit for the district employee's relative or member of household of the employee, or any business with which the district employee or a relative or member of the household of the district employee is associated.

This means that:

1. Employees, relatives or ~~members~~ member of the district employee's household will not use the employee's position to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment from students, parents or staff;
2. Any device, publication or any other item developed during the employee's paid time shall be district property;
3. Employees will not further personal gain through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of position or activities in any way;
4. No district employee may serve as a Board or budget committee member in the district;
5. An employee will not perform any duties related to an outside job during his/her regular working hours or during the additional time ~~needed that he/she needs~~ needed to fulfill the position's responsibilities; nor will an employee use any district facilities, equipment or materials in performing outside work;

6. If an employee authorizes a public contract, the employee may not have a direct beneficial financial interest in that public contract for two years after the date the contract was authorized.

If a district employee has a potential or actual conflict of interest, the district employee must notify ~~their~~^{his/her} supervisor in writing of the nature of the conflict and request that the supervisor dispose of the matter giving rise to the conflict. This must be done on each occasion the district employee is met with a conflict of interest.

“Potential conflict of interest” means any action or any decision or recommendation by ~~at~~^{the} district employee that could result in a financial benefit or detriment for self or relatives or for any business with which the district employee or relatives are associated, unless otherwise provided by law.

“Actual conflict of interest” means any action or any decision or recommendation by ~~at~~^{the} district employee that would result in a financial benefit or detriment for self or relatives or for any business with which the district employee or relatives are ~~associated~~^{associate}, unless otherwise provided by law.

In order to avoid ~~violation~~^{violations} of nepotism provisions and district policy, district employees must abide by the following ~~rules~~ when an employee’s relative or member of the household of the district employee, is seeking and/or holds a position with the district:

1. A district employee may not appoint, employ, promote, discharge, fire, or demote or advocate for such an employment decision for a relative or a member of the household, unless ~~they comply~~^{he/she complies} with the conflict of interest requirements of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) Chapter 244. This rule does not apply to employment decisions regarding unpaid volunteer position, unless it is a Board-related position~~;~~.
2. A district employee may not participate as a public official in any interview, discussion, or debate regarding the appointment, employment, promotion, discharge, firing, or demotion of a relative or a member of the household. An employee may still serve as a reference, provide a recommendation, or perform other acts that are part of the normal job functions of the employee~~;~~.
3. More than one member of an employee’s family may be hired as a regular district employee. In accordance with Oregon law, however, the district may refuse to hire individuals, or may transfer current employees, in situations where an appointment would place one family member in a position of exercising supervisory, appointment or grievance adjustment authority over another member of the same family. Employees who are members of the same family may not be assigned to work in the same building except by the superintendent’s approval.

“Member of ~~the~~ household” means any person who resides with the employee.

“Relative” means: ~~the spouse¹, parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or child~~^{the spouse¹, parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or child}~~daughter-in-law of the employee; or the parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or child~~^{daughter-in-law of the employee; or the parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or child}~~daughter-in-law of the spouse of the employee. Relative also includes any individual for whom the employee has a~~

¹ The term spouse includes domestic ~~partner~~^{partners}.

legal support obligation, whose employment provides benefits² to the employee, or who receives any benefit from the employee's public employment.

II. Gifts

District employees must comply with the following rules involving gifts:

Employees are public officials and therefore will not solicit or accept a gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$50 from any single source in a calendar year that has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee. All gift-related provisions apply to the employee, their relatives, and members of their household. The \$50 gift limit applies separately to the employee, and to the employee's relatives or members of household, meaning that the employee and each member of their household and relative can accept up to \$50 each from the same source/gift giver. A gift may be received by the district employee from, but not limited to, another district employee, a student or parent of a student or a vendor within the \$50 gift limit. Except for exclusions in ORS 244.040(2), an item received by an employee from the district is prohibited.

"Gift" means something of economic value given to an employee without valuable consideration of equivalent value, which is not extended to others who are not public officials on the same terms and conditions. "Relative" means: the spouse³, parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, ~~son-in-law or child~~ daughter-in-law of the employee; or the parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, ~~son-in-law or child~~ daughter-in-law of the spouse of the employee. Relative also includes any individual for whom the employee has a legal support obligation, whose employment provides benefits⁴ to the employee, or who receives any benefit from the employee's public employment.

"Member of the household" means any person who resides with the employee.

Determining the Source of Gifts

Employees, the employee's relatives or members of the employee's household should not accept gifts in any amount without obtaining information from the gift giver as to who is the source of the gift. It is the employee's personal responsibility to ensure that no single source provides gifts exceeding an aggregate value of \$50 in a calendar year, if the source has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee. If the giver does not have a legislative or administrative interest, the \$50 limit does not apply and the employee need not keep track of it, although they are advised to do so anyway in case of a later dispute.

Determining Legislative and Administrative Interest

A "legislative or administrative interest" means an economic interest, distinct from that of the general public, in any action subject to the official decision of an employee.

² Examples of benefits may include, but not be limited to, elements of an official compensation package including benefits such as insurance, tuition or retirement allotments.

³ Ibid. p. 2

⁴ Ibid. p. 3

A “decision” means an act that commits the district to a particular course of action within the employee’s scope of authority and that is connected to the source of the gift’s economic interest. A decision is not a recommendation or work performed in an advisory capacity. If a supervisor delegates the decision to a subordinate but retains responsibility as the final decision maker, both the subordinate and supervisor’s actions would be considered a decision.

Determining the Value of Gifts

The fair market value of the merchandise, goods, or services received will be used to determine benefit or value.

“Fair market value” is the dollar amount goods or services would bring if offered for sale by a person who desired, but was not obligated, to sell and purchased by one who is willing, but not obligated, to buy. Any portion of the price that was donated to charity, however, does not count toward the fair market value of the gift if the employee does not claim the charitable contribution on personal tax returns. Below are acceptable ways to calculate the fair market value of a gift:

1. In calculating the per person cost at receptions or meals the payor of the employee’s admission or meal will include all costs other than any amount donated to a charity.

For example, a person with a legislative or administrative interest buys a table for a charitable dinner at \$100 per person. If the cost of the meal was \$25 and the amount donated to charity was \$75, the benefit conferred on the employee is \$25. This example requires that the employee does not claim the charitable contribution on personal tax returns.

2. For receptions and meals with multiple attendees, but with no price established to attend, the source of the employee’s meal or reception will use reasonable methods to determine the per person value or benefit conferred. The following examples are deemed reasonable methods of calculating value or benefit conferred:
 - a. The source divides the amount spent on food, beverage and other costs (other than charitable contributions) by the number of persons whom the payor reasonably expects to attend the reception or dinner;
 - b. The source divides the amount spent on food, beverage and other costs (other than charitable contributions) by the number of persons who actually attend the reception or dinner; or
 - c. The source calculates the actual amount spent on the employee.

Upon request by the employee, the source will give notice of the value of the merchandise, goods, or services received.

Attendance at receptions where the food or beverage is provided as an incidental part of the reception is permitted without regard to the fair market value of the food and beverage provided.

Value of Unsolicited Tokens or Awards: Resale Value

Employees may accept unsolicited tokens or awards that are engraved or are otherwise personalized items. Such items are deemed to have a resale value under \$25 (even if the personalized item cost the source more than \$50), unless the personalized item is made from gold or some other valuable material that would have value over \$25 as a raw material.

Entertainment

Employees may not solicit or accept any gifts of entertainment over \$50 in value from any single source in a calendar year that has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision of the employee unless:

1. The entertainment is incidental to the main purpose of another event (i.e., a band playing at a reception). Entertainment that involves personal participation is not incidental to another event (such as a golf tournament at a conference); or
2. The employee is acting in their official capacity for a ceremonial purpose.

Entertainment is ceremonial when an employee appears at an entertainment event for a “ceremonial purpose” at the invitation of the source of the entertainment who requests the presence of the employee at a special occasion associated with the entertainment. Examples of an appearance by an employee at an entertainment event for a ceremonial purpose include throwing the first pitch at a baseball game, appearing in a parade and ribbon cutting for an opening ceremony.

Exceptions

The following are exceptions to the ethics rules on gifts that apply to employees:

1. Gifts from relatives and members of the household to the employee are permitted in an unlimited amount; they are not considered gifts under the ethics rules;
2. Informational or program material, publications, or subscriptions related to the recipient’s performance of official duties;
3. Food, lodging, and travel generally count toward the \$50 aggregate amount per year from a single source with a legislative or administrative interest, with the following exceptions:

Organized Planned Events. Employees are permitted to accept payment for travel conducted in the employee’s official capacity, for certain limited purposes:

- a. Reasonable expenses (i.e., food, lodging, travel, fees) for attendance at a convention, fact-finding mission or trip, or other meeting do not count toward the \$50 aggregate amount IF:
 - (1) The employee is scheduled to deliver a speech, make a presentation, participate on a panel, or represent the district; AND
 - (a) The giver is a unit of a:
 - (i) Federal, state, or local government;
 - (ii) An Oregon or federally recognized Native American Tribe; OR
 - (iii) Nonprofit corporation.
 - (2) The employee is representing the district:
 - (a) On an officially sanctioned trade-promotion or fact-finding mission; OR

- (b) Officially designated negotiations or economic development activities *where receipt of the expenses is approved in advance by the superintendent.*

The purpose of the exception in a. above is to allow employees to attend organized, planned events and engage with the members of organizations by speaking or answering questions, participating in panel discussions or otherwise formally discussing matters in their official capacity. This exception to the gift definition does not authorize private meals where the participants engage in discussion.

4. Food or beverage, consumed at a reception, meal, or meeting IF held by an organization and IF the employee is representing the district.

“Reception” means a social gathering. Receptions are often held for the purpose of extending a ceremonial or formal welcome and may include private or public meetings during which guests are honored or welcomed. Food and beverages are often provided, but not as a plated, sit-down meal;

5. Food or beverage consumed by employee acting in an official capacity in the course of financial transactions between the public body and another entity described in ORS 244.020(7)(b)(I)(i);
6. Waiver or discount of registration expenses or materials provided to employee at a continuing education event that the employee may attend to satisfy a professional licensing requirement;
7. ~~An~~ A gift item received by the employee as part of the usual or customary practice of the employee’s private business, employment or position as a volunteer that bears no relationship to the employee’s district employment;
8. Reasonable expenses paid to employee for accompanying students on an educational trip.

Honoraria

An employee may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the employee or any relative or member of the household of the employee if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the employee.

The honoraria rules do not prohibit the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token, or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private profession, occupation, avocation, or expertise of the employee.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 244.010 - 244.400](#)
[ORS 332.016](#)

[ORS 659A.309](#)

[OAR 199-005-0001 - 199-020-0020](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040](#)

OR. ETHICS COMM’N, OR. GOV’T ETHICS LAW, A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Staff Ethics

District employees are allowed financial benefits as identified in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) ORS 244.040(2), such as their official compensation package, reimbursed expenses, limited honoraria and unsolicited awards for professional achievement. District employees are prohibited from using or attempting to use their position to obtain a financial gain or to avoid a financial detriment for the district employee, a relative or member of the household of the employee, or any business with which the employee or a relative or member of the household of the employee is associated, if the opportunity for financial gain or avoidance of a financial detriment would not otherwise be available but for the employee's position with the district. Specifically, this means that:

1. Employees will not use district equipment for personal use, unless it is available to a significant segment of the general public. This includes, but is not limited to, the personal use of the district's:
 - a. Fax machine¹;
 - b. Phones to make long distance personal calls;
 - c. District vehicles;
 - d. Professional technology equipment (e.g., wood shop, automotive shop, CAD); and
 - e. Athletic facilities (e.g., pool or weight room).

Further, the district's supplies, facilities, equipment, employees, records or any other public resources are not to be used to engage in private business interests. For example, the district's computer cannot be used to sell products on an auction website during school hours.

2. When employees are traveling on official district business, any gift given because of this travel must be either declined or passed on to the district for use for future district travel. For example, if the hotel where the employee is staying gives the employee a free night's stay on a future visit, this must be declined or given back to the district for future district travel. The frequent flyer miles earned when traveling on official district business can only be used for district travel. If the employee's spouse is traveling with the employee, the employee is responsible for all additional charges (i.e., additional room charge).
3. Employees may not use personal credit cards for district travel or other district business and receive incentives such as cash reimbursements, frequent flyer miles and other benefits based upon the dollar amount of purchases made.
4. Employees may not use discounts offered by private companies for the employee's personal benefit if the discount is only offered because of the employee's official position. For example, an office supplies store provides all teachers a 10 percent discount. Because the teachers are receiving this discount only because of their official position, they cannot use the discount to purchase personal

¹The district could establish a fee schedule that would allow only district employees to pay for the personal use of the district fax machines. If the district established a fee schedule for the use of fax machines the fee schedule must be equal to or exceed the prevailing rates offered at commercial businesses.

items. Teachers may use the discount to purchase items for district use. Employees can also accept the discount if it is also available to a substantial segment of the population who are not public officials.

5. Employees may accept free passes to district extracurricular events if they are attending these events in their official capacity (i.e., chaperoning, ticket sales or managing concession sales). In order to promote employee participation in extracurricular activities, the district may include free passes in employees' official compensation packages or employees may be reimbursed by the district for the cost of admission.
6. The employee's district position is not to be used to take official action that could have a financial impact on a private business with which, the employee, a relative or member of the employee's household are associated. For example, if the employee's ~~sibling~~brother owns a pest-control business which is seeking a contract with the district, and the employee is part of the decision-making process, the employee must declare an actual conflict of interest in writing, describing the nature of the employee's conflict, and provide this to the employee's supervisor.
7. Confidential information gained as a district employee is not to be used to obtain a financial benefit for the employee, a relative or member of the ~~employee's public official's~~ household or a business with which any are associated. For example, the employee should not use the information that a student in ~~their~~his/her class is falling behind in math to provide the parents a referral to the ~~employee's sibling's~~employee's ~~sister's~~ tutoring business.
8. District employees who mentor student teachers may not receive direct payments from sponsoring colleges or universities. The payment may be provided by the college or university to the district, which can then distribute the compensation to the teachers as an element of their official compensation package.
9. District employees must follow Oregon Government Ethics Commission guidelines for outside employment if the employee acts as a chaperone for student group trips on personal time and the district employee accepts compensation in the form of travel expenses from a private business or organization. Specifically, district employees must conduct all activities related to the trip on personal time and cannot use the classroom or school environment to plan the off-campus trip. Employees may use district facilities for this purpose only if they comply with the district's public use of facilities policy. It is not an ethics violation for the employee to accept reasonable expenses for accompanying students on an education trip.

These restrictions do not apply if the teacher is chaperoning students on a fact-finding mission that is officially sanctioned by the Board. ~~The definition of a fact-finding mission is, in part, any activity related to a cultural or educational purpose.~~

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Staff Religious Dress and Grooming

The Board believes that staff members set an example in dress and grooming for students and standards of professionalism for the district. A staff member who understands this precept and adheres to it enlarges the importance of his/her task, presents an image of professionalism and encourages respect for authority. These factors act in a positive manner towards the maintenance of discipline.

The district retains the authority to specify the following dress and grooming guidelines for staff that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process.

All staff when on duty shall:

1. Be physically clean, neat and well groomed;
2. Dress in a manner consistent with their assigned duties;
3. Dress in a manner that communicates to students a pride in personal appearance;
4. Be groomed in such a way that does not disrupt the educational process nor cause a health or safety hazard;
5. Be allowed to wear religious attire in accordance with the employee's sincerely-held beliefs, while maintaining religious neutrality and refraining from endorsing religion in the educational environment.

Staff are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal for violating the terms of this policy.

The superintendent may develop guidelines to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650\(7\)](#)
[ORS 327.109](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.351](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)
[ORS 659A.030](#)

OR. CONST., art. I, § 5.
U.S. CONST. amend. I.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Staff Religious Dress

“Religious clothing” means religious dress worn in accordance with the employee’s sincerely-held beliefs, including but not limited to, head coverings, jewelry, emblems and other types of religious dress.

In assessing whether the district may restrict or prohibit the wearing of religious clothing, the district should consider whether:

1. The employee’s intent of wearing the religious clothing or by wearing the clothing is likely to be perceived by students, parents or employees to indoctrinate or proselytize students and/or create the impression that the district endorses religion or the employee’s particular religious belief.
 - a. Specific factors to be considered when assessing employee’s intent and reasonable perception should include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) The size and visibility of the religious clothing;
 - (2) The inclusion of any writing or symbols on the religious clothing that communicates a direct message;
 - (3) Any accompanying verbal statements or declarations of a religious nature that goes beyond a limited explanation of the religious significance or obligation associated with the wearing of the religious clothing;
 - (4) The number of employees requesting or wearing the same or similar religious clothing in the school; and
 - (5) The reasonableness of this perception should take into account the age, background and sophistication of the student, parent or employee in the school who regularly encounters the employee.
2. The wearing of religious clothing disrupts the educational process, harasses, intimidates, coerces or otherwise interferes with the rights of students, parents or another school employee in the district.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Board-Staff Communications

The Board desires to maintain open communication channels between itself and the staff. The basic line of communication will be through the district superintendent. ~~This~~ However, this policy does not restrict protected labor relations communications of bargaining unit members. The superintendent will develop and recommend to the Board, processes for communications between the Board and district employees.

Communications or reports to the Board or Board committee from any staff member or members should be submitted through the superintendent. This procedure ~~will~~ should not be construed as denying the right of any employee to address the Board about issues which are neither part of an active appeal administrative procedure, nor disruptive decisions to the operation of the district Board. Appeals shall be in accordance with applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements and the Board's policies on complaints.

All official communications, policies and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the superintendent. The superintendent will ~~communicate~~ employ media as appropriate to keep staff fully informed of the Board's concerns and actions.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 581-022-2405](#)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).

Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

Lebanon Education Association/OEA v. Lebanon Community School District, 22 PECBR 323 (2008).

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Expression of Milk or Breast-feed in the Workplace

When possible an employee must give reasonable notice of the intent to express milk or breast-feed to principal or building supervisor. The district shall provide the employee a reasonable rest period to express milk or breast-feed each time the employee has a need to express milk or breast-feed. If feasible, the employee will take the rest period at the same time as the rest periods or meal periods provided by the district.

The district will make a reasonable effort to provide a location, other than a public restroom or toilet stall, in close proximity to the employee's work area, where an employee can express milk or breast-feed in private, concealed from view and without intrusion by other employees or the public. "Close proximity" means within walking distance from the employee's work area that does not appreciably shorten the rest or meal period. If a private location is not within close proximity to the employee's work area, the district may not include the time taken to travel to and from the location as part of the break period.

The following locations have been identified in each facility for milk expression or breast-feeding:

1. District office: ~~nurses~~ office with door locked;
2. Clatskanie Elementary School: ~~nurses~~ office with windows covered and door locked;
3. Clatskanie Middle High School: ~~nurses~~ office with door locked;
4. Bus barn: ~~nurses~~ office at Clatskanie Elementary School with windows covered and door locked.

An employee who expresses milk during work hours may use the available refrigeration to store the expressed milk. The district must allow the employee to bring a cooler or other insulated food container to work for storing the expressed milk and ensure there is adequate space in the workplace to accommodate the employee's cooler or insulated food container.

This policy and the list of designated locations is published in the employee handbook. The list of designated locations is available upon request in the central office of each school facility and in the district's central office.

This policy only applies to employees who are expressing milk or breast-feeding for children 18 months of age or younger.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 653.077](#)

[ORS 653.256](#)
[OAR 839-020-0051](#)

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Staff Health and Safety

The Board ~~directs~~authorizes the superintendent to take appropriate ~~means~~measures to provide for the health and safety of all employees while engaged in the performance of their duties. The input of staff will be encouraged in the development of district health and safety plans.

~~The superintendent will develop written procedures necessary to accomplish this goal and to meet the requirements of the law. Such procedures shall ensure that all employees will be familiar with the procedures to recognize and to respond to the presence of hazardous materials.~~

The superintendent will develop districtwide training activities to deal with the use of hazardous chemicals. Training will include the identification, use, storage and disposal techniques needed to assure safety of staff and students.

In meeting the requirements of the law, employees will be trained to recognize and respond appropriately to the presence of hazardous chemicals.

All employees shall conduct their work in compliance with the safety rules of the district.

The superintendent will provide staff members with the Safety Data Sheets (SDS), which must accompany any hazardous substance used in the school setting.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 329.095](#)
[ORS 453.001 to -453.275](#)

[OAR 437-001-0760](#)
[OAR 437-002-0020 to -0075](#)

[OAR 437-002-0140](#)
[OAR 437-002-0144](#)
[OAR 437-002-0145](#)
[OAR 437-002-0180 to -0182](#)
[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 437-002-0368](#)

[OAR 437-002-0377](#)
[OAR 437-002-0390](#)
[OAR 437-002-0391](#)
[OAR 581-022-2225](#)

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Workplace Harassment

Workplace harassment is prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes workplace harassment that occurs between district employees or between a district employee and the district in the workplace or at a work-related event that is off district premises and coordinated by or through the district, or between a district and a district employee off district premises. Elected school board members, volunteers and interns are subject to this policy.

Any district employee who believes they have been a victim of workplace harassment may file a report with the district employee designated in the administrative regulation GBEA-AR - Workplace Harassment Reporting and Procedure, may file a report through the Bureau of Labor and Industries' (BOLI) complaint resolution process or under any other available law. The reporting of such information is voluntary. The district employee making the report is advised to document any incidents of workplace harassment.

“Workplace harassment” means conduct that constitutes discrimination prohibited by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 659A.030 (discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, age, or expunged juvenile record), including conduct that constitutes sexual assault¹ or that constitutes conduct prohibited by ORS 659A.082 (discrimination against person in uniformed service) or 659A.112 (discrimination in employment based on disability).

The district, upon receipt of a report from a district employee who believes they are a victim of workplace harassment, shall provide information about legal resources and counseling and support services, including any available employee assistance services. The district employee receiving the report, whether a supervisor of the employer or the district employee designated to receive reports, is advised to document any incidents of workplace harassment, and shall provide a copy of this policy and accompanying administrative regulation to the victim upon their disclosure about alleged workplace harassment.

All incidents of behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated.

Any person who reports workplace harassment has the right to be protected from retaliation.

The district may not require or coerce a district employee to enter into a nondisclosure² or nondisparagement³ agreement.

The district may not enter into an agreement with an employee or prospective employee, as a condition of employment, continued employment, promotion, compensation, or the receipt of benefits, that contains a nondisclosure provision, a nondisparagement provision or any other provision that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing or discussing workplace harassment that occurred between district employees or between a district employee and the district, in the workplace or at a work-

¹ “Sexual assault” means unwanted conduct of a sexual nature that is inflicted upon a person or compelled through the use of physical force, manipulation, threat or intimidation.

² A “nondisclosure” agreement or provision prevents either party from disclosing the contents of or circumstances surrounding the agreement.

³ A “nondisparagement” agreement or provision prevents either party from making disparaging statements about the other party.

related event that is off district premises and coordinated by or through the district, or between a district employee and employer off district premises.

The district may enter into a settlement agreement, separation or severance agreement that includes one or more of the following provisions only when a district employee claiming to be aggrieved by workplace harassment requests to enter into the agreement: 1) a nondisclosure or nondisparagement provision; 2) a provision that prevents disclosure of factual information relating to the claim of workplace harassment; or 3) a no-rehire provision that prohibits the employee from seeking reemployment with the district as a term or condition of the agreement. The agreement must provide the district employee at least seven days after signing the agreement to revoke it.

If the district determines in good faith that an employee has engaged in workplace harassment, the district may enter into a settlement, separation or severance agreement that includes one or more of the provisions described in the previous paragraph.

It is the intent of the Board that appropriate corrective action will be taken by the district to stop workplace harassment, prevent its recurrence and address negative consequences. Staff members in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal and/or additional workplace harassment awareness training, as appropriate. Other individuals (e.g., board members, witnesses, and volunteers) whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or the Board.

The district shall make this policy available to all district employees and shall be made a part of district orientation materials provided and copied to new district employees at the time of hire.

The superintendent will establish a process of reporting incidents of workplace harassment and the prompt investigation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 174.100](#)
[ORS 243.317 - 243.323](#)
[ORS 659A.001](#)
[ORS 659A.003](#)
[ORS 659A.006](#)
[ORS 659A.029](#)

[ORS 659A.030](#)
[ORS 659A.082](#)
[ORS 659A.112](#)
[ORS 659A.370](#)
[ORS 659A.375](#)
[ORS 659A.820](#)

[ORS 659A.875](#)
[ORS 659A.885](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040](#)
[OAR 584-020-0041](#)

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).

Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Workplace Harassment Reporting and Procedure

Any district employee who believes they have been a victim of workplace harassment may file an oral or written report consistent with this ~~administrative~~ ~~administration~~ regulation, may file a report through the Bureau of Labor and Industries' (BOLI) complaint resolution process, or under any other available law.

Additional information regarding the filing of a report may be obtained through the principal, compliance officer or superintendent.

A complaint alleging an unlawful employment practice as described in ORS 659A.030, 659A.082, ~~or~~ 659A.112 or ~~ORS 659A.370~~ ~~section 4 of Senate Bill 479 (2019)~~ must be filed no later than five years after the occurrence of the alleged unlawful employment practice.

All documentation related to workplace harassment complaints may become part of the personnel file of the employee who is the alleged harasser, as appropriate. Additionally, a copy of all workplace harassment reports, complaints, and documentation will be maintained by the district as a separate confidential file and stored in the district office.

Investigation Procedure

The principals are responsible for investigating reports concerning workplace harassment. The investigator(s) shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the report presented. If the alleged workplace harassment involves principals, the employee may report to the superintendent. All reports of alleged workplace harassment behavior shall be investigated.

The investigator shall:

1. Document the alleged, reported incident of workplace harassment;
2. Provide information about legal resources and counseling and support services, which may include district-provided assistance services available to the district employee;
3. Provide a copy of the district's Board policy GBEA - Workplace Harassment and this administrative regulation to the district employee; and
4. Complete the following steps:

Step 1 Promptly initiate an investigation. The investigator will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the issue with all concerned parties within ~~{five}~~ **10** working days after receipt of the report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings of the investigation, including the response of the alleged harasser, shall be reduced to writing. The investigator shall notify the complainant in writing that the

investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law.

A copy of the report, complaint, or other documentation about the incident, and the date and details of notification to the complainant of the results of the investigation, together with any other documentation related to the workplace harassment incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

Step 2 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at step 1, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the step 1 decision. The superintendent or designee shall review the investigators report and findings. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary by the superintendent or designee to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days after receipt of the appeal.

Step 3 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The Board will review the findings and conclusion of the superintendent or designee in a public meeting to determine what action is appropriate. Appropriate action may include, but is not limited to, holding a hearing, requesting additional information, and adopting the superintendent's or designee's decision as the district's final decision.

If the Board conducts a hearing, the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the appeal at a Board meeting. The Board may hold the hearing in executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. The parties involved may be asked to attend such hearing for the purposes of making further explanations and clarifying the issues. The Board shall decide, ~~within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10-30 working days following completion of the hearing~~ of receipt of the appeal.

If the Board chooses not to hear the appeal, the superintendent's decision in Step 2 is final.

Reports involving the superintendent should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair will cause the information¹ required to be issued to the complainant as described in this administrative regulation. The Board chair shall present the complaint to the Board at a Board meeting. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. The Board may hold the hearing in executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. The Board shall decide, within 30 days, in open session what action if any is warranted. The Board chair shall notify the complainant in writing within 10 days that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law.

¹ Provide information about legal resources and counseling and support services, which may include district-provided assistance services available to the district employee, and a copy the district's Board policy GBEA - Workplace Harassment and this administrative regulation to the district employee.

Follow-up Procedures

The principal will follow up with the district employee of the alleged harassment once every three months for the calendar year following the date on which the principal received a report of harassment, to determine whether the alleged harassment has stopped or if the employee has experienced retaliation. The principal will document the record of this follow-up. The principal will continue follow-up in this manner until and unless the employee directs the principal in writing to stop.

Other Reporting Options and Filing Information

Nothing in this policy prevents an employee from filing a formal grievance in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) or a formal complaint with BOLI or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); or if applicable, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Civil Rights Center. Review the CBA for any provision that requires an employee to choose between the complaint procedure outlined in the CBA and filing a BOLI or EEOC complaint.

Nothing in Board policy GBEA - Workplace Harassment or this administrative regulation prevents any person from seeking remedy under any other available law, whether civil or criminal.

An employee or claimant must provide advance notice of claim against the employer as required by ORS 30.275.

Filing a report with the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Civil Rights Center.

An employee whose agency receives federal financial assistance from the USDOL under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or Veterans' Employment and Training Service, may file a complaint with the state of Oregon Equal Opportunity Officer or directly through the USDOL Civil Rights Center. The complaint must be written, signed and filed within 180 days of when the alleged discrimination or harassment occurred.

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WORKPLACE HARASSMENT REPORTING OR COMPLAINT FORM

Name of person making report/complainant: _____

Position of person making report/complainant: _____

Date of complaint: _____

Name of alleged harasser: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

Description of alleged misconduct: _____

Name of witnesses (if any): _____

Evidence of workplace harassment, i.e., letters, photos, etc. (attach evidence if possible): _____

Any other information: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of Witness: _____

Position of Witness: _____

Date of Testimony/Interview: _____

Description of Instance Witnessed: _____

Any Other Information: _____

I agree that all the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Corrected 2/12/24

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEBA
Adopted: 8/12/19
Orig. Code(s): GBEBA

Staff - HIV, AIDS and HBV

The district will strictly comply in its policies and procedures to the Oregon Revised Statutes and the Oregon Administrative Rules as they relate to employees infected with HIV, AIDS, or HBV¹.

The district recognizes an employee has no obligation under any circumstances to report his/her condition to the district and the employee has the right to continue working.

If the employee reports a condition to the district, strict adherence to written guidelines outlined by the staff member shall be followed.

These guidelines shall identify who may have the information, who will give the information, how the information will be given, and where and when the information will be given. All such information will be held in confidence in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes.

All employees are encouraged to educate themselves concerning HIV, AIDS, HBV and other communicable diseases and transmissible conditions to reduce the risk of transmission in the school environment under any circumstances.

Accommodations for a staff member infected with HIV, AIDS, or HBV shall be the same as with any other illness.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)

[ORS 342.850\(8\)](#)

[ORS 433.008](#)

[ORS 433.045](#)

[ORS 433.260](#)

[OAR 333-017-0000](#)

[OAR 333-018-0000](#)

[OAR 333-018-0005](#)

[OAR 581-022-2220](#)

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEBAA/JHCCBA/EBBAB
Adopted: 5/20/13
Orig. Code(s): GBEBAA/JHCCBA/EBBAB

HBV/Bloodborne Pathogens

(See policy EBBAA)

The Board recognizes that staff/students incur some risk of infection and illness each time they are exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials. While the risk to staff/students of exposure to body fluids due to casual contact with individuals in the school environment is very low, the Board regards any such risk as serious.

Consequently, the Board directs adherence to universal procedures. Universal procedures require that staff and students approach infection control as if all direct contact with human blood and body fluids is known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and/or other blood borne pathogens¹.

In order to reduce the risk to staff/students by minimizing or eliminating staff exposure incidents to bloodborne pathogens, the Board directs the superintendent to develop and implement an Exposure Control Plan. The plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and when necessary to reflect new or modified tasks and procedures which affect occupational exposure and to reflect new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure. The review and update shall also:

1. Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens;
2. Annually, document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available and effective safer medical devices designed to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure.

The plan shall include training followed by an offer of immunization with Hepatitis B vaccine and vaccination series for all staff who are required to provide first aid to students and/or for all staff who have occupational exposure as determined by the district. Training shall be provided at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place and at least annually thereafter. Personal protective equipment appropriate to job tasks shall be provided by the district. A postexposure evaluation and follow-up shall be made available to any employee sustaining an occupational exposure.

The district recognizes that, as required by OAR 437-002-1030, employees who use medical sharps in the performance of their duties (e.g., administering injectable medicines to students, such as epinephrine and glucagon) must, at least annually, be provided with the opportunity to identify, evaluate and select engineering and work practice controls (e.g., sharps disposal containers, self-sheathing needles, safer medical devices, such as sharps with engineered sharps injury protections and needleless systems). The district will implement such work practice controls, as appropriate.

¹ Bloodborne pathogens - pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These include, but are not limited to, Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Documentation, including a sharps injury log, will be maintained as required by OAR 437-002-1035 and 437-002-1030(3).

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

[OAR 437-002-1030](#)
[OAR 437-002-1035](#)

Corrected 2/12/24

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: **GBEBC/JHCCC/EBBAA**
Adopted: 5/20/13
Orig. Code(s): GBEBC/JHCCC/EBBAA

Infection Control - HIV, AIDS, HBV

The district shall use universal procedures at all times for infection control. Each staff member or student is, therefore, treated as though an HIV, AIDS or HBV¹ infection exists.

The district shall develop an exposure control plan that includes infection control procedures for staff and students.

Procedures for staff and students shall include annual in-services; first-aid kits in each school room and each school vehicle; and correct procedures for cleaning up body fluid spills and for personal cleanup.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)
[OAR 581-022-1440](#)

[OAR 581-053-0240\(23\)\(c\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0250\(1\)](#)

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEBD/JHCCD
Adopted: 5/06/13
Orig. Code(s): GBEBD/JHCCD

Staff/Students - Rumor Control - HIV, AIDS and HBV**

The district shall use a two-pronged approach for rumor control related to HIV, AIDS and HBV¹ before a rumor begins and during an “active” rumor.

In preparation for rumor control, the district shall annually notify staff, students, parents, media and the general public, through such means as handbooks, of confidentiality and individual rights requirements placed upon school districts. The requirements are outlined in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules. Individual rights include the right a staff member or a student may have to continue working or attending school.

The district shall emphasize that if a staff member or the parent (student) chooses not to divulge an HIV, AIDS or HBV condition, the district will have no information except to reiterate the requirements in the law regarding confidentiality and individual rights. This will be stated routinely and in cases of an “active” rumor.

If the staff member or parent (student) wishes to divulge information and continues working or attending school, the district shall meet with the infected party or representative to develop a written procedure. This procedure will minimally outline what information will be given, who will give the information, when and where the information will be given, how the information will be given and who will receive the information. The procedures will be signed for approval by the infected party or representative.

The district shall appoint a district spokesperson who shall be responsible for responding to staff, students, parents, media and the general public.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 433.008](#)
[ORS 433.045](#)

[OAR 333-012-0270](#)
[OAR 333-018-0000](#)
[OAR 333-018-0005\(1\)\(a\)](#)

[OAR 333-018-0030](#)
[OAR 581-015-0005](#)

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEBE/JHCCE/KBCAA
Adopted: 5/20/13
Orig. Code(s): GBEBE/JHCCE/KBCAA

News/Media - HIV, AIDS or HBV**

The superintendent may develop news releases or conduct news conferences regarding rumored or identified HIV, AIDS or HBV¹ cases.

The release/news conference shall stress:

1. Districts are not informed of a person infected with HIV, AIDS or HBV unless the infected person or his/her parent or guardian releases the information;
2. Districts, if informed, may not release the information unless the infected person or parent or guardian gives permission for such release;
3. Districts may not prevent a staff member from working if he/she is able to perform his/her job responsibilities. Students have a right to continue to attend school.

If a news conference is held, the district may ask the local health department or other health authorities to assist the district spokesperson with the news conference.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.565](#)
[ORS 326.575](#)
[ORS 332.061](#)
[ORS 336.187](#)
[ORS 342.850\(7\)](#)
[ORS 433.008](#)
[ORS 433.045](#)

[OAR 333-012-0270](#)
[OAR 333-018-0000](#)
[OAR 333-018-0005](#)
[OAR 333-018-0030](#)
[OAR 581-015-0005](#)
[OAR 581-022-1440](#)

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: **GBEC**
Adopted: 5/06/13
Orig. Code(s): GBEC

Drug-Free Workplace (Version 1)

No employee engaged in work in connection with a direct federal grant or contract of \$100,000 or more shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use on or in the workplace any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcohol, as defined in schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 812) and as further defined by regulation at 21 C.F.R. § 1308.11-1308.15.

“Workplace” is defined to mean the site for the performance of work done in connection with a federal grant or contract. That includes any school building or any school premises; any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property during any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district where work on a federal grant is performed.

¹Each employee who is engaged in work related to a direct federal grant or contract of \$100,000 or more, shall notify his/her supervisor of his/her conviction of any criminal drug statute based on conduct occurring in the workplace, as defined above, no later than five days after such conviction.

¹Each employee who is engaged in work related to a direct federal grant or contract of \$100,000 or more, shall abide by the terms of this district policy establishing a drug-free workplace.

¹An employee who violates the terms of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. The district may require that the employee satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the Board. If the employee fails to satisfactorily participate in such program, employment may be suspended, his/her contract non-renewed or non-extended or he/she may be dismissed, at the discretion of the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 336.222](#)
[ORS 342.721](#)
[ORS 342.723](#)

[ORS 342.726](#)
[ORS Chapter 475](#)
[ORS 657.176](#)
[ORS 659A.127](#)

[OAR 581-022-2045](#)
[OAR 581-022-2210](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040\(5\)\(e\)](#)

Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106 (2012); General Principles Relating to Suspension and Debarment Actions, 34 C.F.R. §§ 84.100-84.670 (2016).

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812; Schedules of Controlled Substances, 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11-1308.15 (2016).

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7117 (2012).

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ Districts directly receiving grants or contracts of \$100,000 or more from the federal government are required to meet this obligation.

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Code: GBEC
Adopted:

Drug-Free Workplace (Version 2)

The district shall provide a drug-free workplace.

The purpose of this policy is to promote safety, health and efficiency by prohibiting the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance or alcohol in the workplace.

This policy applies to all employees, including but not limited to, those exempt, unclassified, management service, classified and temporary employees who are paid directly or indirectly from funds received under a federal grant or contract.

The district shall provide to each employee a copy of this policy.

An employee shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use a controlled substance or alcohol in the workplace.

No district employee shall knowingly sell, market or distribute steroid or performance enhancing substances to kindergarten through grade 12 students with whom the employee has contact as part of employee's district duties; or knowingly endorse or suggest the use of such substances.

An employee shall, as a condition of employment, abide by the provisions of this policy.¹

Definitions

1. "Controlled substance" shall include any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or other drug as classified under the federal Controlled Substances Act, as modified under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 475.035.
2. "Alcohol" shall include any form of alcohol for consumption, including beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor.
3. "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of no contest) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or state criminal drug statutes.
4. "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or State criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance.

¹ Districts directly receiving grants or contracts from the federal government are required to meet this obligation.

5. “Drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of work at which employees are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance.

Sanctions and Remedies²

The district, upon determining that an employee has engaged in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation or possession of a controlled substance or alcohol, or upon having reasonable suspicion (under the section below) of an employee’s unlawful use of a controlled substance or alcohol in the workplace, shall, pending any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, take appropriate action, which may include transfer, granting of leave with or without pay or suspension with or without pay.

Within 30 calendar days of learning of an employee’s criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, the district shall:

1. Take appropriate action, which may include discipline up to and including termination; and/or
2. Require satisfactory participation by the employee in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purpose by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

Basis for Reasonable Suspicion of Employee Use of Controlled Substance/Alcohol

Reasonable suspicion of employee use of an unlawful controlled substance or alcohol shall be based upon any of the following:

1. Observed abnormal behavior or impairment in mental or physical performance (e.g., slurred speech, difficulty walking);
2. Direct observation of use in the workplace;
3. The opinion of a medical professional;
4. Reliable information concerning use in the workplace, the reliability of any such information shall be determined by employer;
5. A work-related accident in conjunction with a basis for reasonable suspicion as listed above.

Employee Assistance Program

An employee having a drug or alcohol problem is encouraged to seek assistance, on a confidential basis, under the Employee Assistance Program if such program is provided by the employer.

The district shall, upon employee request, grant leave with or without pay to permit an employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

² Ibid. p. 1

Establishment of Drug-Free Awareness Program

The district shall establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the:

1. Dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
2. Existence of and content of this policy for maintaining a drug-free workplace;
3. Availability of drug-counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
4. Penalties that may be imposed for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

Notification by Employee of Conviction³

An employee shall, as a condition of employment, notify the district in writing of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

Notification by the District of an Employee Conviction

The district shall notify the appropriate federal granting or contracting agency, in writing, of an employee's criminal drug statute conviction, for a violation occurring in the workplace, no later than 10 calendar days after learning of such conviction.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 336.222](#)
[ORS 342.721](#)
[ORS 342.723](#)

[ORS 342.726](#)
[ORS Chapter 475](#)
[ORS 657.176](#)
[ORS 659A.127](#)

[OAR 581-022-2045](#)
[OAR 581-022-2210](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040\(5\)\(e\)](#)

Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106 (2012); General Principles Relating to Suspension and Debarment Actions, 34 C.F.R. §§ 84.100-84.670 (2016).

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812; Schedules of Controlled Substances, 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11-1308.15 (2016).

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7117 (2012).

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³ Ibid. p. 1

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEDA
Adopted: 4/13/20
Orig. Code(s): GBEDA

Drug and Alcohol Testing and Record Query - Transportation Personnel

The district is committed to the establishment of a drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program that meets all applicable requirements of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (OTETA). The district or its transportation provider shall have an in-house drug and alcohol testing program or be a member of a consortium that provides testing that meets the federal regulations, and shall annually certify this information to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The district or its transportation provider shall comply with the reporting and pre-employment and annual query requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Accordingly, all employees subject to commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements shall be prohibited from:

1. The use of drugs, unless a written prescription from a licensed doctor or osteopath is provided, including a statement advising that the substance does not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle;
2. The use of alcohol including:
 - a. While on duty;
 - b. Eight hours before driving, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules;
 - c. Eight hours following an accident;
 - d. Consumption resulting in prohibited levels of alcohol in the system.

"Drugs" as used in this policy refer to controlled substances covered by the OTETA, including marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and phencyclidine (PCP).

All covered individuals offered employment with the district and district employees transferring to positions subject to the OTETA shall be required to submit to pre-employment drug testing and a pre-employment query with FMCSA. Additionally, covered employees will be subject to reasonable suspicion, random and post-accident alcohol and drug testing. Return-to-duty and follow-up testing may also be required.

Pre-employment drug testing costs will be paid for by the district. All drug and alcohol testing of district employees, including reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty and follow-up testing costs, as applicable, will be paid for by the district. A fee associated with a pre-employment query requested by the district from FMCSA will be paid by the district. The district will comply with collective bargaining agreement provisions.

All offers of employment or transfer to covered positions with the district will be made contingent upon testing results and information obtained from a query with FMCSA. An individual who tests positive for

drugs will not be hired or transferred.¹ The offer of employment or transfer will be immediately withdrawn.²

An offer of employment or transfer will also be immediately withdrawn from any individual who refuses drug testing and/or refuses to give consent for a query with FMCSA.

Covered employees who, under the district's reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty or follow-up testing program, test positive for drugs or test with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher, will be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in accordance with Board policy. Employees who refuse to comply with testing requirements will also be regarded as testing positive for drugs or testing with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher. Notification of available resources for evaluation and treatment will be made as required by law. Additionally, employees may be subject to CDL prohibitions and penalties under the OTETA and applicable ~~FMCSA~~ ~~Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)~~ regulations. Covered employees who refuse consent for a query with FMCSA when required will be removed from safety-sensitive functions.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 657.176](#)
[ORS 825.415](#)
[ORS 825.418](#)

[OAR 581-053-0220\(3\)\(h\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(t\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0420\(4\)\(b\)\(B\)\(ii\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0430\(13\),\(14\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0531\(12\),\(13\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0615\(2\)\(c\)\(D\)\(ii\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0620\(1\)\(d\)](#)

Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, 49 U.S.C. §§ 31301-31317 (2012); 49 C.F.R. Parts 40, 382, 391-395 (2019).

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ ~~The district may elect to allow an individual who tests positive for drugs to reapply for district employment or transfer to a covered position at a later date. At that time, the individual will again be tested for the presence of drugs. A district employee considered for transfer to an OTETA-covered position who tests positive for drugs will be subject to all district policies and regulations including the district's Drug-Free Workplace policy.~~

² The district may elect to allow an individual who tests positive for drugs or tests with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher to reapply for district employment or transfer to a covered position at a later date. At that time, the individual will again be tested for the presence of drugs, if required by the district. A district employee considered for transfer to an OTETA-covered position who tests positive for drugs or tests with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher will be subject to all district policies and regulations including the district's Drug-Free Workplace policy.

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBEDA-AR
Revised/Reviewed: 4/13/20
Orig. Code(s): GBEDA-AR

Drug and Alcohol Testing and Record Query - Transportation Personnel

The following procedures shall govern the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program:

1. Program Coordinator

The superintendent or designee will be designated as the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program coordinator. The superintendent or designee will coordinate the district's responsibilities and compliance efforts with the applicable provisions of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (OTETA). The superintendent or designee will:

- a. Ensure that all covered employees receive written materials explaining the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program requirements including:
 - (1) The district policy and administrative regulations;
 - (2) A contact person knowledgeable about the materials, policy, administrative regulations and the OTETA;
 - (3) Categories of employees covered;
 - (4) Information about the safety-sensitive functions and what period of the workday the employee is required to be in compliance. Safety-sensitive functions shall include such responsibilities as all on-duty time waiting to be dispatched, driving time, assisting or supervising loading or unloading, repairing, obtaining assistance or remaining in attendance upon a disabled vehicle. All time spent providing drug and alcohol samples, including travel time to and from the collection or testing site as needed to comply with random, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, return-to-duty or follow-up testing, will also be considered as on-duty time;
 - (5) Specific information concerning prohibited conduct;
 - (6) Circumstances under which employees will be tested;
 - (7) Procedures used in the testing process;
 - (8) The requirement that covered employees submit to drug and alcohol testing, administered in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 382;
 - (9) Explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test;
 - (10) Consequences of violations (e.g., discipline up to and including dismissal as may be required by the district and removal from safety-sensitive functions as required by the OTETA) and notification of resources available to the driver in evaluating and resolving problems associated with the misuse of alcohol and the use of drugs including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of substance abuse professionals (SAP) and counseling and treatment programs. Such information will include the consequences for covered employees found to have a breath alcohol concentration rate of 0.02 or greater, but less than 0.04, and for those employees found to have a breath alcohol content level greater than 0.04. Minimally, no driver tested and found to have a breath alcohol concentration rate of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04 shall be permitted to perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions until the start of the driver's next regularly scheduled duty period, but not less than 24 hours following administration of the test;
 - (11) Information on the effects of drug use and alcohol misuse on an individual's health, work and personal life; signs and symptoms of an alcohol or drug problem (driver's or coworker's); and available methods of intervening when such problems are suspected,

- including confrontation, referral to an employee assistance program as available and/or referral to the administration; and
- (12) Requirement of the district to collect, maintain and report the following information to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse¹:
- (a) A verified positive, adulterated, or substituted drug test result;
 - (b) An alcohol confirmation test with a concentration of 0.04 or higher;
 - (c) A refusal to submit to any test required by subpart C of 49 C.F.R. Part 382;
 - (d) An employer's report of actual knowledge (as defined at 49 C.F.R. § 382.107) of a violation of regulations, including:
 - (i) On duty alcohol use;
 - (ii) Pre-duty alcohol use;
 - (iii) Alcohol use following an accident;
 - (iv) Controlled substance use.
 - (e) A SAP's report of the successful completion of the return-to-duty process;
 - (f) A negative return-to-duty test; and
 - (g) An employer's report of completion of follow-up testing.
- b. Ensure that employees sign statements certifying that they have received the materials;
 - c. Ensure that administrators or their designee, designated to determine reasonable suspicion, receive at least 60 minutes of drug abuse training and an additional 60 minutes of alcohol misuse training. Training will include the physical, behavioral, speech and performance indicators of probable drug use and alcohol misuse;
 - d. Ensure district compliance with applicable provisions of the OTETA's requirements regarding the district's management information system, retention and confidentiality of records;
 - e. Ensure selection of a site with appropriately trained personnel for the collection of specimens for drug testing;
 - f. Ensure selection of a site with a certified breath alcohol technician and evidential breath testing devices for alcohol testing;
 - g. Ensure selection of a laboratory certified by the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division ("OHA") to conduct drug specimen analysis;
 - h. Ensure selection of a qualified medical or osteopathic doctor to serve as a medical review officer (MRO) to verify laboratory drug test results;
 - i. Ensure selection of qualified personnel to provide education and training to employees and supervisors in accordance with employee assistance program requirements as specified in the OTETA;
 - j. Ensure the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program is maintained in at least outline form, on file and available for inspection at the district office. The district shall maintain the following:
 - (1) Information on the effects and consequences of drug and alcohol use on personal health, safety and the work environment;
 - (2) Information on the manifestations and behavioral changes that may indicate drug and alcohol use or abuse;
 - (3) Documentation that drug training for all supervisory personnel has consisted of at least 60 minutes;
 - (4) Documentation that alcohol training for all supervisory personnel has consisted of at least 60 minutes;

¹ <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

(5) Documentation of training given to employees.

- k. Ensure the establishment of clearly defined communication procedures to include the method (e.g., mail, facsimile) and frequency (e.g., monthly, daily, weekly) as well as the authorized individuals to impart and receive information to meet the documentation and confidentiality requirements of the OTETA;
- l. Ensure employee organizations receive written notice of the availability of all pertinent drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program information.

2. Pre-employment and Annual Queries from, and Required Reporting to FMCSA

The district is required to conduct a pre-employment query with FMCSA on drivers who are subject to controlled substance and alcohol testing regulation, and is required to report information obtained through its controlled substance and alcohol testing program to FMCSA. All offers of employment for positions identified by the district, as required by the OTETA, will be contingent upon the results of a pre-employment query.

- a. The district will obtain written or electronic consent from a driver subject to controlled substances and alcohol testing to conduct a pre-employment query with FMCSA. The consent will include consent to obtain the following information:
 - (1) If the driver has a verified positive, adulterated, or substituted controlled substances test result;
 - (2) If the driver has an alcohol confirmation test with a concentration of 0.04 or higher;
 - (3) If the driver has refused to submit to a test (in violation of 49 C.F.R. § 382.211); or
 - (4) If the driver has a report submitted by another employer on actual knowledge (as defined at 49 C.F.R. § 382.107) of a violation of regulations that included:
 - (a) On duty alcohol use;
 - (b) Pre-duty alcohol use;
 - (c) Alcohol use following an accident; or
 - (d) Controlled substance use.

The district will conduct annual queries² with the FMCSA on employees subject to such queries as required by law.

- b. The district will report³ to FMCSA the following personal information about a driver that is collected and maintained in connection with the district's testing program:
 - (1) An alcohol confirmation test with an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater;
 - (2) A refusal to submit to an alcohol test pursuant to conditions found in 49 C.F.R. § 40.261 or a refusal to drug test determination made in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 40.191(a)(1)-(4), (a)(8)-(11) or (d)(1), but in the case of a refusal to test under (a)(11), the district may report only those admissions made to the specimen collector;
 - (3) A SAP's report of the successful completion of the return-to-duty process;
 - (4) A negative return-to-duty test; and
 - (5) An employer's report of completion of follow-up testing.

² Written consent from the driver is required. This may be a limited query when allowed. If the limited query indicates that the FMCSA contains information on the driver, the district will conduct a full query within 24 hours and must not allow driver to perform safety-sensitive functions.

³ The district will complete such reporting to FMCSA by close of the third business day following receipt of the information.

The report will include, as applicable:

- (1) Reason for the test;
- (2) Driver's name, date of birth, and CDL number and State of issuance;
- (3) Employer name, address, and USDOT number;
- (4) Date of the test;
- (5) Date the result was reported; and
- (6) Test result. The test result must be one of the following:
 - (a) Negative (only required for return-to-duty tests administered in accordance with law);
 - (b) Positive; or
 - (c) Refusal to take a test.
- (7) An employer's report of a driver's refusal to submit⁴ to alcohol or drug testing must include the following information:
 - (a) Documentation, including, but not limited to, electronic mail or other contemporaneous record of the time and date the driver was notified to appear at a testing site; and the time, date and testing site location at which the employee was directed to appear, or an affidavit providing evidence of such notification;
 - (b) Documentation, including, but not limited to, electronic mail or other correspondence, or an affidavit, indicating the date the employee was terminated or resigned (if applicable); and
 - (c) Documentation, including a certificate of service or other evidence, showing that the employer provided the employee with all documentation reported herein.
- (8) An employer's report of a violation of one of the following will occur by the close of the third business day following the date on which the employer obtains actual knowledge (as defined at 49 C.F.R. § 382.107):
 - (a) On duty alcohol use;
 - (b) Pre-duty alcohol use;
 - (c) Alcohol use following an accident;
 - (d) Controlled substance use.

This report will include the following information:

- (a) Driver's name, date of birth, CDL number and State of issuance;
- (b) Employer name, address, and USDOT number, if applicable;
- (c) Date the employer obtained actual knowledge of the violation;
- (d) Witnesses to the violation, if any, including contact information;
- (e) Description of the violation;
- (f) Evidence supporting each fact alleged in the description of the violation required under paragraph above in this section, which may include, but is not limited to, affidavits, photographs, video or audio recordings, employee statements (other than admissions pursuant to §382.121), correspondence, or other documentation; and
- (g) A certificate of service or other evidence showing that the employer provided the employee with all information reported under paragraph above in this section.

⁴ 49 C.F.R. § 40.261(a)(1) or 40.191(a)(1)

If the district's program coordinator is the subject of the testing, the district will ensure compliance with applicable consent, testing, and reporting requirements pursuant to law.

3. Pre-employment Testing

The district shall conduct pre-employment testing as follows:

- a. All offers of employment for positions as identified by Board policy and as required by the OTETA will be contingent upon drug test results;
- b. Individuals offered employment with the district and employees transferring to positions subject to the OTETA contingent on drug testing, must provide written consent for the release of any prior employer positive drug and failed alcohol testing results, refusals to be tested, other violations of testing regulations and, with respect to any employee who violated drug and alcohol regulations, documentation of the employee's successful completion of return-to-duty requirements (including SAP evaluations and follow-up tests) within the preceding two years;
- c. The district shall obtain and review such drug and alcohol information from previous employers of the past two years before the driver is used for the first time. The district will provide the written permission of the driver, for release of information, to the previous employers;
- d. The district will maintain a written, confidential record of information obtained from another employer or the good faith efforts to obtain such information, and will maintain the same for three years from the date the driver's service began.
- e. ⁵Requests received by the district for release of such information to another employer must include written consent from the subject driver. Records will be released immediately in any written form (e.g., fax, email, letter) that ensures confidentiality. The district will maintain a written record and summary of information released, the date, and to whom the information was released;
- f. The district must ask the driver, and will not use such driver, if they have a positive drug test or a failed alcohol test while employed with a previous employer or who refused to test while under employment with a previous employer in the past two years unless the driver is in compliance with the SAP's treatment program and the OTETA's return-to-duty test requirements;
- g. Prior to being directed by the district to a collection site for drug testing, the applicant will be notified that the urine sample collected shall be tested for the presence of drugs;
- h. Failure to report to the collection site for testing within the time frame specified by the district shall constitute a refusal to report for testing and result in immediate withdrawal of the employment or transfer offer;
- i. Pre-employment drug testing will be paid for by the district;
- j. Tests must indicate negative drug test results. Individuals who fail to meet such drug requirements will not be hired or transferred voluntarily or involuntarily to covered positions;
- k. Such testing will also be required of covered employees each time an employee returns to work after a layoff period if the employee was removed from the random testing pool. As long as the employee remains in the random testing pool, additional testing or subsequent pre-employment drug and alcohol testing will not be necessary following a layoff;
- l. The district will notify individuals offered employment with the district contingent on drug testing of the results of such testing upon request within 60 days of being notified of the disposition of the employment application;
- m. Refusal to submit to drug and alcohol testing and/or to provide signed permission for the release of past testing information as required by the district shall result in immediate termination from employment or transfer consideration;

⁵ Pertains to requests received by the district from other employers.

- n. The individual may request a screening of the split specimen at their own expense. All such requests must be received in writing by the district no later than 72 hours following notification to the applicant of the positive test results.

4. Post-accident Testing

The district shall conduct post-accident testing as follows:

- a. It is the responsibility of the employee to report for post-accident drug and alcohol testing as soon as practicable following a motor vehicle accident which occurs while the employee is performing district safety-sensitive functions in which there is a fatality or the employee receives a citation for a moving traffic violation in connection with an injury or tow-away accident:
 - (1) The employee will report to the designated collection site for post-accident drug and alcohol testing as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the accident;
 - (2) If alcohol testing has not been administered within two hours, the district shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the alcohol test was not promptly administered;
 - (3) If alcohol testing is not administered within eight hours, the district shall cease attempts to administer an alcohol test and shall state and maintain on file a record specifying why the test was not administered;
 - (4) If drug testing has not been administered within 32 hours following the accident, the district will cease attempts to administer such tests and will document why the test was not administered;
 - (5) The employee will contact the ~~district drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program coordinator~~ district official transportation supervisor or designee as soon as practicable following the accident giving as much detailed information about the accident as possible (e.g., fatalities, injuries, tow-aways, traffic citation issued, etc.).
- b. The district will provide employees with necessary post-accident testing information, procedures and instructions as a part of its employee training program. Additionally, written instructions to follow in the event of an accident will be provided in district vehicles as appropriate. Instructions will include locations of drug specimen collection and alcohol testing sites and telephone number of the district drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program coordinator or other district officials to contact;
- c. The employee shall remain readily available for testing or may be deemed by the district to have refused to submit to testing. Such refusal is treated as if the district received an alcohol test result of 0.04 or greater or received a positive drug test. Nothing in this requirement shall be construed to require the delay of necessary medical attention for injured people following an accident or to prohibit an employee from leaving the scene of an accident for the period necessary to obtain assistance in responding to the accident or to obtain necessary emergency medical care;
- d. Results of a breath or blood test for the use of alcohol or a urine test for the use of drugs conducted by on-site federal, state and/or local law enforcement officials having independent authority for the test shall be considered to meet necessary requirements provided results of the test are obtained by the district and the tests conform to all applicable federal, state and/or local requirements;
- e. An employee who is involved in an accident involving a fatality, injury and/or tow-away as described by OTETA is prohibited from using alcohol for eight hours after the accident or until the employee undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first.

5. Random Testing

The district shall conduct random drug and alcohol testing annually as follows:

- a. Not less than 25 percent of the average number of driver positions shall be tested for drugs and not less than 10 percent shall be tested for alcohol in accordance with current minimum random testing requirements of the OTETA. Any unfilled, covered positions will be included as part of the total number of positions counted by the district for testing rate purposes.

The district will meet minimum testing rates.

- b. The testing rate may be adjusted by FMCSA based on industrywide data;
- c. The testing process shall, in fact, be random. Unless advised otherwise by their consortium, all employees will remain in the pool of drivers for each subsequent period, including vacations, holiday periods and summer recesses, whether or not they have been chosen for testing in the past;
- d. The selection of employees for random testing shall be made by a scientifically valid method. The process selected by the district will ensure that all employees shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. The district will use a computerized system⁶ whereby a random number generating program will be loaded into a computer along with the employees' social security number, payroll identification number or other comparable identification number for the drivers.
- e. All such testing shall be unannounced and dates selected spread reasonably throughout the calendar year to avoid predictability and the perception that testing is "done for the year";
- f. Following notification of testing, selected employees shall proceed to the district-selected collection site immediately or as soon as practicable;
- g. Each employee selected for testing shall be tested during the selection period;
- h. Employees shall only be tested for alcohol just before the driver is scheduled to perform his/her safety-sensitive functionsfunction, during or just after performing such functionsfunction;
- i. Employees off work due to leave of absence, vacation and layoff will be informed that they remain subject to random testing. Employees drawn for such testing will be notified and tested as soon as practicable upon return to duty but no later than the next selection cycle (e.g., monthly, quarterly, etc.).

6. Reasonable Suspicion Testing

The district shall conduct reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol testing as follows:

- a. The district will test covered employees when there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has engaged in drug use or alcohol misuse;
- b. Reasonable suspicion will be based on specific contemporaneous, articulable observations made by a trained supervisor as designated by the district, concerning appearance, behavior, speech or body odors indicative of employee use of drugs or the misuse of alcohol. Observations of drug use may include indications of chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs and noticeable degradation of job performance that may be associated with the use of drugs;
- c. Hearsay or secondhand information is not sufficient to require an employee to submit to testing;
- d. Alcohol testing may be authorized only if observations resulting in reasonable suspicion are made during, just preceding or just after the period of the workday that the employee is required to be in compliance with this policy, administrative regulations and applicable the OTETA provisions;

⁶The computerized system, when it can be utilized by the district, is the preferred selection method, under FMCSA guidance.

- e. A written record shall be made of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion drug test and signed by the administrator or designee authorized to make such observations, within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug test are released, whichever is earlier;
- f. The district will ensure that the employee under reasonable suspicion is transported to the designated collection or testing site.

7. Referrals, Evaluation and Treatment

The district shall provide information related to referrals, evaluation and treatment as follows:

- a. The district shall advise covered employees, who violate the drug and alcohol prohibitions, of referral services available for evaluating and resolving problems associated with the use of drugs and the misuse of alcohol. Such information will include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of SAPs and counseling and treatment programs;
- b. An employee who engages in such prohibited conduct shall be evaluated by a SAP;
- c. The SAP will determine what assistance if any the employee needs in resolving problems associated with drug use and alcohol misuse;
- d. This requirement applies only to current employees and not to job applicants who refuse testing or who test positive for drugs;
- e. This requirement shall not be interpreted to require the district to provide or pay for any rehabilitation costs or to hold a job open for an employee with or without salary;
- f. SAPs, “SAP”, as referred to in these administrative regulations, means:
 - (1) Licensed physicians with knowledge of and clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol-related disorders;
 - (2) Licensed or certified psychologists, social workers or employee assistance professionals with like knowledge; and
 - (3) Alcohol and drug abuse counselors certified by the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC). This does not include state-certified counselors.

8. Return-to-Duty Testing

Employees, if they continue employment and before they return to duty, shall comply with the following:

- a. When an employee has previously tested greater than or equal to 0.04 for alcohol, the employee must retest (return-to-duty test) with an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02;
- b. When an employee has previously tested positive for drug use, the employee must retest (return-to-duty test) with a verified negative test result.

9. Follow-up Testing

Employees, if they continue employment, shall comply with the following:

- a. Follow-up testing will be conducted whenever a SAP determines that an employee is in need of resolving problems associated with drug use and/or alcohol misuse;
- b. Follow-up alcohol testing will be conducted only when the employee is performing safety-sensitive functions, just before or just after the driver has performed safety-sensitive functions;
- c. Follow-up drug and alcohol testing will be unannounced;⁷

⁷ A follow-up test shall not also serve as a random test, and vice versa.

- d. The number and frequency of such tests shall be determined by the SAP. Minimally, there shall be:
 - (1) At least 6 unannounced tests in the first 12 months following the driver's return to duty;
 - (2) Testing shall not exceed 60 months from the date of the employee's return to duty. The SAP, however, may terminate the follow-up testing at any time after the first six tests if the SAP determines the testing is no longer needed.

10. Drug and Alcohol Testing Procedures

The district, in cooperation with contracted collection and testing facilities, shall maintain drug and alcohol testing procedures as follows:

a. Drugs

- (1) The applicant or employee reports to the district-designated collection site and provides positive identification (e.g., photo ID);
- (2) A urine sample for drug testing is provided. A "split specimen" (two urine specimen bottles) is prepared from the urine sample;
- (3) Following completion of a chain-of-custody form, both specimen bottles are forwarded to the OHA certified laboratory for analysis. The split specimen is stored at the laboratory for later testing as may be necessary. Initial testing is performed only on one specimen bottle;
- (4) Testing results are reported to the district-selected MRO by mail or electronic transmission. Results may not be given over the phone;
- (5) The MRO will verify both negative and positive testing results;
- (6) The MRO will report the verified negative testing results to the district;
- (7) The MRO will report verified positive testing results to the applicant or employee, discuss the type of illegal substance found and determine whether there is any valid medical reason for the positive testing results;
- (8) A verified valid medical reason for a positive test result will be reported as a negative test result to the district;
- (9) If no legitimate medical reason exists for positive drug testing, the MRO will report a confirmed positive test result and identity of the substance(s) to the district;
- (10) The employee or applicant may request within 72 hours of a positive test notice that the split specimen (second bottle) be screened. Such screening costs will be paid for by the employee;
- (11) Unlike the original specimen analyzed for specific levels of controlled substances, the split specimen is analyzed only for the presence of drugs;
- (12) The MRO will report results of the second screening to the employee and the district;
- (13) The MRO will meet all the OTETA requirements including review of chain-of-custody control form, administrative processing of negative test results, verification of positive testing results, report to the FMCSA, and maintenance of confidentiality requirements as may be applicable;
- (14) Detailed drug testing procedures may be obtained by contacting the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention coordinator or designee.

b. Alcohol

- (1) The employee reports to the district-designated testing site and provides positive identification;
- (2) Under the alcohol testing rule, an alcohol test result will be considered failing even if over-the-counter or legally prescribed medication is involved;
- (3) All alcohol screening tests will be conducted by a qualified breath alcohol technician using evidential breath testing devices;

- (4) Testing may be conducted at an OHA certified laboratory or other location including mobile facilities equipped for such testing as may meet the requirements of the OTETA;
- (5) District supervisors should generally not be used as a breath alcohol or screening test technician for covered employees. Under certain circumstances, a properly trained district supervisor may conduct such testing in the absence of another technician;
- (6) The employee submits to breath or saliva testing;
- (7) If the result of the testing indicates an alcohol concentration rate of 0.02 or greater, a confirmation breath test is administered after at least 15 minutes, but no longer than 30 minutes, after the initial testing. All confirmation tests will be conducted using evidential breath testing devices;
- (8) The technician will report any invalid tests, confirmed failing and passing results to the district;
- (9) Employee refusal to sign forms as required (i.e., Step 2 on the Alcohol Testing Form) shall be considered as refusal to be tested;
- (10) The breath alcohol or screening test technician will meet all OTETA requirements including such testing procedures, Alcohol Testing Form and confidentiality requirements as may be required;
- (11) Detailed alcohol testing procedures may be obtained by contacting the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program coordinator or designee.

11. Positive Test Result

When the MRO determines a positive test result is valid, the MRO will report the finding to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon Department of Education. The person who is the subject of the test results will be notified by ODOT that the person has a right to a hearing to determine whether the test results reported will be placed in the employee's employment driving record.

12. Record Keeping/Record Reporting

The district shall maintain records of its drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program as follows:

a. Records related to the collection process:

- (1) Documents relating to the random selection process;
- (2) Documents generated in connection with decisions to administer reasonable suspicion drug or alcohol testing;
- (3) Documents generated in connection with decisions on post-accident testing;
- (4) Documents verifying the existence of an explanation of the inability of an employee to provide adequate breath or to provide a urine specimen for testing;
- (5) An annual calendar year report summarizing results of the district's drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program will be prepared and maintained when requested by FMCSA as part of an inspection, investigation, special study or for statistical purposes;
- (6) Documentation of breath alcohol or screening test technician training while the individual performs the functions which require the training.

b. Records related to each query:

- (1) Documents related to consent of any query;
- (2) Documents related to information received for a pre-employment or annual query;
- (3) Documents related to meeting reporting requirements.

c. Records related to pre-employment verification with a driver's previous employer;

- d. Records related to a driver's test results, including:
 - (1) The district's copy of the alcohol testing form, including the test results;
 - (2) The district's copy of the controlled substance test custody and control form;
 - (3) Documents sent by the MRO to the district;
 - (4) Documents related to the refusal of any employee to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing;
 - (5) Documents presented by a driver to dispute the results of a drug and/or alcohol test administered in connection with the requirements of the OTETA.
- e. Records related to evaluations as follows:
 - (1) Records pertaining to a determination by a SAP concerning an evaluation of a covered employees' need for assistance;
 - (2) Records concerning a driver's compliance with recommendations of the SAP.
- f. Records related to education and training as follows:
 - (1) Materials on drug use awareness and alcohol misuse including a copy of the district's policy and administrative regulations on drug use and alcohol misuse and related information;
 - (2) Driver's signed receipt of education materials;
 - (3) Documentation of training provided to supervisors for the purpose of qualifying the supervisors to make a determination concerning the need for drug and/or alcohol testing based on reasonable suspicion;
 - (4) Certification that any training conducted in compliance with the OTETA meets all pertinent requirements for such training.
- g. Records related to alcohol and drug testing as follows:
 - (1) Agreements with collection site facilities, laboratories, MROs and consortia (includes breath alcohol technicians, screening test technicians and third party providers), as applicable;
 - (2) Names and positions of officials and their role in the district's drug and alcohol testing program(s);
 - (3) Semiannual laboratory statistical summaries of urinalysis as required by the OTETA and as reported by the laboratory. The district will document laboratory failures to provide statistical summaries and any district follow-up efforts to obtain such reports.
- h. Records will be retained by the district as follows:
 - (1) Five Years:
 - (a) Records of employee alcohol-testing results with results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater;
 - (b) Records of verified positive drug testing results;
 - (c) Documentation of refusals to take required drug and/or alcohol tests;
 - (d) Employee evaluation and referrals;
 - (e) Testing program records including violations;
 - (f) A copy of each annual calendar year report summary;
 - (g) Equipment calibration documentation when required (See 12. a. 7).

(2) Three Years:

- (a) Records related to each query and all information received in response to each query. Documentation of a consent will be retained for three years from the date of the last query.
- (b) Pre-employment records obtained, or good faith efforts to obtain, from a previous employer about a driver.

(3) Two Years:

Records related to the drug and alcohol collection process (except calibration of evidential breath testing devices).

(4) One Year:

Records of negative and cancelled drug-testing results and alcohol test results with a concentration of less than 0.02.

(5) Indefinite Period:

Records related to the education and training of breath alcohol technicians, screening test technicians, supervisors and drivers shall be maintained by the district while the individual performs the functions which require training and for two years after ceasing to perform those functions.

i. Records will be maintained in a secure location with controlled access to ensure confidentiality requirements are met as follows:

- (1) Drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program records will be maintained at the district office. Records relating to individual employee drug and/or alcohol testing, evaluation and treatment will be maintained separately from the employee's personnel file;
- (2) Employees are entitled upon written request to obtain copies;
- (3) The district may disclose information in connection with employee benefit proceedings, Department of Transportation agency action against an employee or National Transportation Safety Board safety investigations;
- (4) The district shall disclose such information⁸ to subsequent employers upon written request from the employee (in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 382.413).

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⁸ Information that must be disclosed to subsequent employers, upon receipt of proper authorization form/release signed by the employer's ex-driver: (a) Failed alcohol tests (breath alcohol content of 0.04 or greater); (b) Verified positive drug test; (c) Refusals to test.

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Staff Participation in Community Activities

The Board encourages district employees to participate constructively in community activities outside of the district which have the improvement of the general welfare of the community, state and nation as their objectives.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

OR. CONST., art. XV, § 8.

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Staff Participation in Political Activities

School employees may exercise their right to participate fully in affairs of public interest on a local, county, state and national level on the same basis as any community member/citizen in a comparable position in public or private employment and within the law.

All district employees are privileged, within the limitations imposed by state and federal laws and regulations, to choose any side of a particular issue, and to support their viewpoints as they desire by vote, discussion or persuading others. Such discussion and persuasion, however, will not be carried on during the performance of district duties, except in open discussion during classroom lessons that consider various candidates for a particular office or various sides of a particular political or civil issue.

On all controversial issues, employees must designate that the viewpoints they represent on the issues are personal and are not to be interpreted as the district's official viewpoint.

No employee will use district facilities, equipment or supplies in connection with political activities/his/her campaigning, nor will he/she use any time during the work/working day for such political activities/campaign purposes.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapter 244](#)

[ORS 260.432](#)

OR. CONST., art. XV, § 8.

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Staff/Student/Parent Relations**

The Board encourages both parents to be involved in their student's school educational activities, and unless otherwise ordered by the courts, an order of sole custody on the part of one parent shall not deprive the other parent of the following authority as it relates to:

1. Receiving and inspecting their student's education records and consulting with school staff concerning the student's welfare and education, to the same extent as provided the parent having sole custody;
2. Authorizing emergency medical, dental, psychological, psychiatric or other health care for the student if the custodial parent is, for practical reasons, unavailable.

It is the responsibility of the parent with sole custody to provide any court order or parental plan that curtails the rights of the noncustodial parent at the time of enrollment or any other time a court order is issued.

In the case of joint custody, the district will adhere to all conditions specified and ordered by the court.

The district will use reasonable methods to identify and authenticate the identity of both parents.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 107.101](#)
[ORS 107.102](#)

[ORS 107.106](#)
[ORS 107.154](#)

[ORS 109.056](#)
[ORS 163.245 - 163.257](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2012); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2017).
Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2012); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2017).

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Gifts and Solicitations

Teachers and other employees will not accept items of more than token value from students. The Board welcomes, as appropriate, the writing of letters by students to staff members expressing gratitude and appreciation.

Individual employees will limit giving gifts¹ to staff members who exercise any direct or indirect administrative or supervisory jurisdiction over them. Collecting money for group gifts is discouraged except in special circumstances such as bereavement, serious illness or retirement gifts. Staff-initiated “sunshine funds” are exempt from this policy.

No staff member may solicit funds in the name of the school or district through the use of, including but not limited to, internet-based or crowd-funding types of fund raising, without the approval of the superintendent.

Individual employees need to be accountable for maintaining integrity and avoid accepting anything of value offered by another for the purpose of influencing ~~their~~^{his/her} professional judgment.

All employees are prohibited from accepting items of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the district. “Material value” is defined as \$50 from a single source in a single year.

No organization may solicit funds from staff members within the schools, nor may anyone distribute flyers or other materials related to fund drives through the schools without the superintendent’s approval. Staff members may not be made responsible, or assume responsibility, for collecting money or distributing any fund-drive literature within the schools without the superintendent’s approval.

The soliciting of staff by sales people, other staff or agents during on-duty hours is prohibited. Any solicitation should be reported at once to the principal or supervisor. Advertising is not allowed in the building without the superintendent’s approval.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 244.010](#) to -244.400
[ORS 339.880](#)

[OAR 584-020-0000](#) to -0045
[OAR 199-005-0005](#) to -199-020-0020

Corrected 2/12/24

¹ “Gift” means something of economic value given to a public official or the public official’s relative or household member without valuable consideration of equivalent value, including the full or partial forgiveness of indebtedness, which is not extended to others who are not public officials or the relatives or household members of public officials on the same terms and conditions; and something of economic value given to a public official or the public official’s relative for valuable consideration less than that required from others who are not public officials. See ORS Chapter 244 for gift definition exceptions.

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBI-AR
Revised/Reviewed: 10/30/17
Orig. Code(s): GBI-AR

~~Internet-Sourced~~Based Crowdfunding Solicitation

All district or school internet-based, crowd fundingsourced-crowdfunding, or other similar types of monetary solicitation, shall be in compliance with all district fund-raising policies, requiring preapproval from the principalsuperintendent.

The principalsuperintendent shall monitor the internet-based and/or crowd-fundingsourced-crowdfunding site to ensure that no student information is disclosed improperly and no images are used without permission.

The principalsuperintendent shall ensure that the internet-based and/or crowd-fundingsourced-crowdfunding site is legitimate, and that the terms of the site are being followed.

All technology requests for funding shall follow appropriate policies and use guidelines.

All district or school fundingfund-raising will be on the district's system and shall follow appropriate policies and use guidelines.

All technology purchases or request for purchase will be approved by the superintendent.

All non-monetary items obtained become property of the district and all inventory procedures apply.

All monetary donations shall be recorded in the proper school or district fund. No school or district banking information shall be given out. A check will be requested to be mailed to the schooldistrict in the name of the schooldistrict and not to the individual.

A file will be maintained by the principalsuperintendent that documents the principalsuperintendent approval, details of the project, a print out of the website, copies of all agreements and permission forms, copies of any checks of monetary donation received as well as the inventory listing non-monetary donations.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBK/KGC
Adopted: 9/24/18
Orig. Code(s): GBK/KGC

Prohibited Use, Distribution or Sale of Tobacco Products and Inhalant Delivery Systems

To be consistent with Oregon law, the use, distribution or sale of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems by staff and all others is prohibited on district premises, in any building or facility, on district grounds, including parking lots, in any vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the district, school or public charter school and at all district- or school-sponsored activities.

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco products” is defined to include, but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew or snuff in any form. This does not include products that are USFDA-approved for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for any other therapeutic purpose, if marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

For the purpose of this policy, “inhalant delivery system” means a device that can be used to deliver nicotine or cannabinoids in the form of a vapor or aerosol to a person inhaling from the device; or a component of a device or a substance in any form sold for the purpose of being vaporized or aerosolized by a device, whether the component or substance is sold or not sold separately. This does not include products that are USFDA-approved for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for any other therapeutic purpose, if marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

Violation of this policy by staff will result in discipline up to and including dismissal.

Violation of this policy by the public may result in the individuals removal from district property. The district reserves the right to restrict access to district property by individuals who are repeat offenders.

This policy shall be enforced at all times.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.227](#)
[ORS 339.883](#)
[ORS 431A.175](#)

[ORS 433.835 to -433.990](#)
[OAR 581-021-0110](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(s\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)\(m\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0430\(12\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(11\)](#)

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6081-6084 (2012).

Corrected 2/12/24

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBL
Adopted: 5/09/22
Orig. Code(s): GBL

Personnel Records

An official personnel file will be established for each person employed by the district. Personnel files will be maintained in a central location.

All records containing employee medical condition information such as workers' compensation reports and release or permission to return to work forms will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records. Such records will be released only in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable law.

The superintendent will be responsible for establishing procedures regarding the control, use, safety and maintenance of all personnel records. Employees will be given a copy of evaluations, complaints and written disciplinary actions placed in their personnel file. All charges resulting in disciplinary action shall be considered a permanent part of a teacher's personnel file and shall not be removed for any reason. Employees may submit a written response to any materials placed in their personnel file.

Except as provided below, or required by law, district employees'¹ personnel records will be available for use and inspection only by the following:

1. The individual employee. An employee may arrange with the personnel office to inspect the contents of their personnel file on any day the personnel office is open for business;
2. Others designated by the employee in writing may arrange to inspect the contents of the employee's personnel file in the same manner described above;
3. The comptroller or auditor, when such inspection is pertinent to carrying out their respective duties, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the Board. Information so obtained will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
4. A Board member when specifically authorized by the Board. Information will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
5. The superintendent and members of the central administrative staff designated by the superintendent;
6. District administrators and supervisors who currently or prospectively supervise the employee;
7. Employees of the personnel office;
8. Attorneys for the district or the district's designated representative on matters of district business;

¹ Includes former employees.

9. Upon receiving a request from a prospective employer issued under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.374(1)(b), the district, pursuant to ORS 339.378(1), shall disclose the requested information if it has or has had an employment relationship with a person who is the subject of the request, no later than 20 days after receiving such request. The records created by the district pursuant to ORS 339.388(8)(c) are confidential and are not public records as defined in ORS 192.311. The district may use the record as a basis for providing the information required to be disclosed about an employee under ORS 339.378(1);
10. Upon request from a law enforcement agency, the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, or the Oregon Department of Education, in conducting an investigation related to suspected abuse or suspected sexual conduct, to the extent allowable by state and federal law, including laws protecting a person from self-incrimination;
11. Upon request from a prospective employer or a former employee, authorized district officials may disclose information about a former employee's job performance to a prospective employer and such disclosure is presumed to be in good faith. Presumption of good faith is rebutted by showing the information disclosed was knowingly false or deliberately misleading, was rendered with malicious purpose or violated any civil right of the former employee protected under ORS 659 or ORS 659A.

The superintendent may permit persons other than those specified above to use and to inspect personnel records when, in their opinion, the person requesting access has a legitimate official purpose. The superintendent will determine in each case, the appropriateness and extent of such access.

Release of personnel records to parties other than those listed above, will be in line with the district's public records procedures Board policy KBA - Public Records. The district will attempt to notify the employee of the request and that the district believes it is legally required to disclose certain records.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 30.178](#)
[ORS 339.370 – 339.374](#)
[ORS 339.378](#)
[ORS 339.388](#)

[ORS 342.143](#)
[ORS 342.850](#)
[ORS 652.750](#)
[ORS Chapter 659](#)

[ORS Chapter 659A](#)
[OAR 581-022-2405](#)

OSEA v. Lake County Sch. District, 93 Or. App. 481 (1988).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12112 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018).

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBM
Adopted: 6/20/16
Orig. Code(s): GBM

Staff Complaints

The superintendent or designee will develop a complaint procedure which will be available for all employees who believe there is evidence of, and wishes to report a violation, misinterpretation or inappropriate application of district personnel policies and/or administrative regulations; a mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority; or believe there is evidence that the district created a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety by its actions. The complaint procedure will provide an orderly process for the consideration and resolution of problems in the application or interpretation of district personnel policies.

The complaint procedure will not be used to resolve disputes and disagreements related to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor will it be used in any instance where a collective bargaining agreement provides a dispute resolution procedure. Disputes concerning an employee's dismissal, contract nonrenewal or contract nonextension will not be processed under this procedure.

Reasonable efforts will be made to resolve complaints informally.

Administrative regulations will be developed to outline procedural timelines and steps under this policy, as necessary. The district will use the designated complaint process in administrative regulation KL-AR - Public Complaints Procedure to address any alleged violations of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 659A.199](#) to -659A.224

[OAR 581-022-2405](#)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).

Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBMA
Adopted: 6/19/17
Orig. Code(s): GBMA

Whistleblower

When an employee has good faith and reasonable belief the employer has violated any federal, state or local, law, rule or regulation; has engaged in mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority; or created a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety by its actions, and an employee then discloses or plans to disclose such information, it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to:

1. Discharge, demote, transfer, reassign or take disciplinary action against an employee or threaten any of the previous actions.
2. Withhold work or suspend an employee.
3. Discriminate or retaliate against an employee with regard to promotion, compensation or other terms, conditions or privileges of employment.
4. Direct an employee or to discourage an employee to not disclose or to give notice to the employer prior to making any disclosure.
5. Prohibit an employee from discussing, either specifically or generally, the activities of the state or any agency of or political subdivision in the state, or any person authorized to act on behalf of the state or any agency of or political subdivision in the state, with:
 - a. Any member of the Legislative assembly;
 - b. Any Legislative committee staff acting under the direction of any member of the Legislative assembly; or
 - c. Any member of the elected governing body of a political subdivision in the state or any elected auditor of a city, county or metropolitan service district.

An employee's good faith and reasonable belief shall serve as an affirmative defense to civil or criminal charges related to the employee's disclosure of lawfully accessed information related to the violation, including information that is exempt from disclosure by public records law.

The district will use the complaint process in administrative regulation KL-AR - Public Complaints Procedure to address any alleged violations of this policy.

The district shall deliver a written or electronic copy of this policy to each staff member.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.501](#) - 192.505

[ORS 659A.199](#) - 659A.224

[OAR 581-022](#)-2405

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).

Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBN/JBA
Adopted: 8/14/23
Orig. Code(s): GBN/JBA

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 parties¹ 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.
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.

¹ "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.

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
Kara Burghardt	CES Principal	(503)728-2191x2414	kburghardt@csd.k12.or.us
Laurie Maughan	CMHS Principal	(503)728-2146x2210	lmaughan@csd.k12.or.us

These individuals are responsible for accepting and managing complaints of sexual harassment. Persons wishing to report should contact them using the above information. *See* GBN/JBA-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

Response

Any staff member who becomes aware of behavior that may violate this policy shall promptly, and in all cases within 24 hours 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 promptly, and in all cases within 24 hours 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 person² 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 include³:

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;

² 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.

³ 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 activity⁴;
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 and can be contacted at (503)728-0587 x2002. 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.

⁴ "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.⁵ The district shall treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing supportive measures⁶ to the complainant and by following a grievance procedure⁷ 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.⁸

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.⁹ 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

⁵ (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.

⁶ (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.⁶ 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))

⁷ 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).

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

⁹ 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 retaliate¹⁰ 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

This policy shall be made available to students, parents of students and staff members. This policy and contact information for the Title IX Coordinator shall be prominently published in the student handbook and on the district website. This policy shall also be made available at each school office and at the district office. The district shall post this policy on a sign in all grade 6 through 12 schools, on a sign that is at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size. A copy of the policy will be made available to any person upon request.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.706](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 342.700](#)
[ORS 342.704](#)
[ORS 342.708](#)

[ORS 342.850](#)
[ORS 342.865](#)
[ORS 659.850](#)
[ORS 659A.006](#)
[ORS 659A.029](#)

[ORS 659A.030](#)
[OAR 581-021-0038](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040](#)
[OAR 584-020-0041](#)

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).

Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).

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¹⁰ Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, intimidation, threats, coercion, and discrimination.

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBN/JBA-AR(1)
Revised/Reviewed: 8/14/23
Orig. Code(s): GBN/JBA-AR(1)

Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

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

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Kara Burghardt	CES Principal	(503)728-2191 x2414	kburghardt@csd.k12.or.us
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The district official receiving the complaint shall issue the required written notice as outlined under Oregon Procedures in Board policy GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment.

Step 1 The district official receiving the report or complaint shall promptly initiate an investigation using procedures and standards, including but not limited to, those identified in Board policy GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment and will notify the complainant or reporting person, any impacted person who is not a reporting person (if appropriate), each reported person, and where applicable the parents of a reporting person, impacted person, or reported person, when such investigation is initiated. The official will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the issue with all concerned parties within ~~five~~ **10** working days after receipt of the report or complaint. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings of the investigation shall be reduced to writing. The official conducting the investigation shall notify the parties in writing that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law within 30 days of receipt of the report or complaint.

A copy of the required written notice(s) and the date and details of notification of the notice of investigation and results of the investigation, together with any other documentation related to the sexual harassment incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

Step 2 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 1, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 1 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal within ~~5~~ **10** working days of receipt of the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days and will be issued not more than 30 days from receipt of the appeal.

Step 3 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The Board will review the decision of the superintendent or designee in a public meeting to determine what action is appropriate. The Board may use executive session

if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. Appropriate action may include, but is not limited to, holding a hearing, requesting additional information, and adopting the superintendent's or designee's decision. All parties involved, including the school administration, may be asked to attend a hearing for the purposes of making further explanations and clarifying the issues. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 30 ~~working~~ days following receipt of the appeal.

If the Board chooses not to hear the complaint, the superintendent's or designee's decision in Step 2 is final¹.

The superintendent is authorized to amend these procedures (including timelines) when the superintendent feels it is necessary for the efficient handling of the complaint. Notice of any amendments will be promptly provided to the parties.

Complaints against the principal may start at Step 2 and may be filed with the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee will cause the required notices to be provided. The superintendent or designee will investigate the complaint and will notify the parties in writing that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law. If the complaint remains unresolved within 10 working days of receipt by the superintendent or designee, the complainant may appeal to the Board in Step 3.

Complaints against the superintendent or a Board member (other than the Board chair) may start at Step 3 and should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair will cause required notices to be provided. The Board chair shall present the complaint to the Board. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, ~~within 20 days~~, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. The Board chair shall notify the parties in writing that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law. A final decision by the Board will be reached within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

Complaints against the Board chair may start at Step 3 and should be referred to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board. The Board vice chair will cause required notices to be provided. The Board vice chair shall present the complaint to the Board. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, ~~within 20 days~~, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. The Board vice chair shall notify the parties in writing that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law. A final decision by the Board will be reached within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

¹ If the Board chooses to accept the superintendent's decision as the district's final decision on the complaint, the superintendent's written decision must meet the requirements of OAR 581-022-2370(4)(b).

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the Regional Civil Rights Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, 915 2nd Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099.

Additional information regarding filing of a complaint or report may be obtained through the principal, compliance officer or superintendent.

All documentation related to sexual harassment complaints may become part of the student's education record or employee's personnel file, as appropriate. Additionally, a copy of all sexual harassment complaints or reports and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file and stored in the district office.

The superintendent shall report the name of any person holding a teaching license or registered with Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) or participating in a practicum under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 584, Division 17, when, after appropriate investigation, there is reasonable cause to believe the person may have committed an act of sexual harassment. Reports shall be made to TSPC within 30 days of such a finding. Reports of sexual contact with a student shall be given to a representative from law enforcement or Oregon Department of Human Services, as possible child abuse.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

Name of complainant: _____

Position of complainant: _____

Date of complaint: _____

Name of alleged harasser: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

Description of misconduct: _____

Name of witnesses (if any): _____

Evidence of sexual harassment, i.e., letters, photos, etc. (attach evidence if possible): _____

Any other information: _____

I agree that all the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of Witness: _____

Position of Witness: _____

Date of Testimony/Interview: _____

Description of Instance Witnessed: _____

Any Other Information: _____

I agree that all the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

Additional Definitions

“Actual knowledge” means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the district’s Title IX Coordinator or any official of the district who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the district, or to any employee of an elementary or secondary school.¹

“Complainant” means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

“Formal complaint” means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent² and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.³

“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.⁴ 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.

Formal Complaint Procedures

Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the parties⁵ written notice of the following:

1. Notice of the district’s grievance process, including any informal resolution process.

¹ This standard is not met when the only official with knowledge is the respondent.

² “Respondent” means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

³ A complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the district with which the formal complaint is filed.

⁴ Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures.

⁵ Parties include the complainant and the respondent, if known.

2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment, including sufficient details⁶ known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview.
3. That the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility be made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
4. That the parties may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.
5. The parties may inspect and review evidence.
6. A reference to any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

The Title IX Coordinator will contact the complainant and the respondent to discuss supportive measures. If necessary, the Title IX Coordinator will arrange for an individualized safety and risk analysis. If necessary, a student or non-student employee may be removed or placed on leave.

Investigation

The Title IX Coordinator will coordinate the district's investigation. The investigation must:

1. Include objective evaluation of all relevant evidence, including inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.
2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties.⁷
3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.
4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence.
5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice.⁸ The district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties.

⁶ Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known.

⁷ The district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made of maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's capacity, and which are maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains the party's (or eligible student's parent's) voluntary, written consent to do so.

⁸ In addition to an advisor, complainants and respondents may also be entitled to other accompaniment as required by law or as necessary for conducting of grievance procedures, including but not limited to translators, services for students with disabilities and parents of minor students.

6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate.
7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint.⁹ Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district must send to each party and party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties must have at least 10 days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report;
8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and is sent to each party and party's advisor in electronic format or hard copy at least 10 days prior to any hearing (if required or provided) or other time of determination of responsibility. The party and advisor will be allowed to review and provide a written response.

After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties and before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision maker(s) must afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions¹⁰ that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. The decision-maker(s) must explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

Credibility determinations are not based on the person's status as a complainant, respondent or witness.

No person designated as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process may have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the notice previously provided, the district must provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

At no point in the process will the district, or anyone participating on behalf of the district, require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitutes, or seeks disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

⁹ This includes the evidence upon which the district does not intent to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to the investigation. The district must make all such evidence subject to the parties' inspection and review available at any hearing to give each party equal opportunity to refer to such evidence during the hearing, including for purposes of cross-examination.

¹⁰ Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the question and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainants prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent.

Determination of Responsibility

The respondent must be deemed to be not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

The standard to be used for formal complaints in determining whether a violation has occurred is the preponderance of the evidence¹¹ standard.

The person deciding the question of responsibility (the “decision-maker”) must be someone other than the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s). The decision-maker must issue a written determination which must include:

1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment;
2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and hearings held;
3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;
4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district’s code of conduct to the facts;
5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including:
 - a. A determination regarding responsibility;
 - b. Any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent; and
 - c. Whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district’s education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and
6. The district’s procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

The district must provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously.

The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the recipient provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

Remedies

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

The disciplinary sanctions¹² may include:

1. Discipline up to and including suspension and expulsion;

¹¹ A preponderance of the evidence standard is understood to mean concluding that a fact is more likely than not to be true. U.S. Department of Education, Title IX Regulations commentary, p. 1268, FN 1409.

¹² Districts should review any other disciplinary procedures and requirements prior to imposing any discipline, and should contact legal counsel with questions.

2. Removal from various activities, committees, extra-curricular, positions, etc.
3. Disqualification for awards and honors;
4. Discipline up to and including termination, in accordance with laws, agreements, contracts, handbooks, etc.¹³

Other remedies may include:

1. Educational programming .

Dismissal of a Formal Complaint

The district must dismiss a formal complaint with regard to Title IX sexual harassment if the alleged conduct:

1. Would not constitute sexual harassment, even if proved;
2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity¹⁴; or
3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

The district may dismiss a formal complaint with regard to Title IX sexual harassment if at any time during the investigation or hearing, if provided:

1. A complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complaint would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;
2. The respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the district; or
3. Specific circumstances prevent the recipient from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

Upon dismissal of a formal complaint, the district must promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reason(s) therefor simultaneously to the parties.

The dismissal of a formal complaint under Title IX does not preclude the district from continuing any investigation and taking action under a different process. The district may have an obligation to continue an investigation and process under a different process.

¹³ It is important to keep supportive measures separate from disciplinary sanctions. Supportive measures must be “non-disciplinary” and “non-punitive.”

¹⁴ Includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent ~~the respondent~~ and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs[, and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by a postsecondary institution]. (Title 34 C.F.R. §106.44(a))

Consolidation of Complaints

The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by one or more complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against another party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

Informal Resolution

If the district receives a formal complaint, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the district may offer an optional informal resolution process, provided that the district:

1. Provides written notice to the parties disclosing:
 - a. The allegations;
 - b. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations, provided, however, that at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and
 - c. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.
2. Obtains the parties' voluntary written consent to the informal resolution process; and
3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

Appeals

Either party may file an appeal from a determination regarding responsibility or from a dismissal of a formal complaint, within 15 days of the decision, on the following bases:

1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; or
3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.
4. Additional bases may be allowed, if made available equally to both parties.

When an appeal is filed, the district must:

1. Notify the other party in writing;
2. Implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;
3. Ensure the decision-makers(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) who reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

4. Ensure the decision-maker for the appeal is free from conflicts of interest and bias;
5. Give both parties a reasonable equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging the outcome;
6. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and
7. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

Timelines

The district will complete the following portions of the grievance process within the specified timelines:

1. General grievance process (from receipt of formal complaint to determination of responsibility: 90 days;
2. Appeals (from receipt of appeal): 60 days;
3. Informal resolution process: 60 days.

Temporary delays of the grievance process, or limited extensions of time will be allowed for good cause¹⁵ with written notice to the parties.

Records

Records will be created and maintained in accordance with the requirements in Title 34 C.F.R. §106.45(a)(10).¹⁶

Training

Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process must receive training on the definition of sexual harassment, the scope of the district's education program or activity, how to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and information resolution processes. The training must also include avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest and bias.

Decision-makers must receive training on any technology to be used at a live hearing and on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions about evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant.

¹⁵ Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(v))

¹⁶ This includes creating a record for each investigation. This record must include:

- Supportive measures, or reasons why the response was not clearly unreasonable under the circumstances;
- Basis for the conclusion that the district's response was not deliberately indifferent; and
- What measures were taken to restore or preserve equal access to the district's educational program or activity. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(a)(10)(ii))

Most records (including training) must be retained for at least seven years.

Investigators must receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence.

Materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process, must not rely on sex stereotypes, must promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment and must be made publicly available on the district's website.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing or Cyberbullying – Staff

The Board is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment.

Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing or bullying, menacing, and acts of cyberbullying of staff or third parties by students, staff or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district.

Retaliation against the victim, any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is strictly prohibited. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a report or complaint is substantiated. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

Staff whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including dismissal. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or the Board. Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff may be reported to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, if required by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 584-020-0041.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. Regulations shall include descriptions of prohibited conduct, reporting and investigative procedures, and provisions to ensure annual notice of this policy is provided to students, staff, and third parties.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 163.190](#)
[ORS 163.197](#)
[ORS 166.065](#)
[ORS 166.155 - 166.165](#)
[ORS 174.100](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 659A.006](#)
[ORS 659A.029](#)
[ORS 659A.030](#)
[ORS 659A.103 - 659A.143](#)

[ORS 659A.199 - 659A.224](#)
[OAR 839-003-0000](#)
[OAR 839-005-0021](#)
[OAR 839-005-0030](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2012).

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. Seq. (2012).

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1626 (2018)

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Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing
or Cyberbullying – Staff – GBNA

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2018); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2018).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2012).
Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).
OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES, *Workplace Bullying* (visited Feb. 26, 2019),
<<https://www.oregon.gov/boli/docs/WorkplaceBullyingPoster-2018.pdf>>.

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Revised/Reviewed: 5/11/20
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Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing or Cyberbullying Reporting Procedures – Staff

The following definitions and procedures shall be used for reporting, investigating, and resolving reports of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, and cyberbullying of staff or third parties.

Definitions

1. “Third parties” include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors, or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or other school events.
2. “District” includes district facilities, district premises, and nondistrict property if the employee is at any district-sponsored, district-approved, or district-related activity or function, such as field trips, athletic events or where the employee is engaged in district business.
3. “Hazing” includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a staff member for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored work activity, work group or work assignment, or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate regardless of the person’s willingness to participate.
4. “Harassment” is unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity[†], national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. Harassment becomes unlawful when 1) enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment, or 2) the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.
5. “Intimidation” includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to tamper, substantially damage or interfere with another’s property, cause substantial inconvenience, subject another to offensive physical contact or inflict serious physical injury on the perception basis of the other’s race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation or gender identity.
6. “Bullying” is a pattern of repeated mistreatment that harms, intimidates, undermines, offends, degrades, or humiliates an employee.
7. “Cyberbullying” means the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (e.g., text, image, audio, or video) that intimidates, harasses, or otherwise harms, insults, or humiliates another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person’s true or false identity. In addition, any communication of this form which substantially disrupts or prevents a safe and positive working environment may also be considered cyberbullying harass, intimidate, or

[†] “Sexual orientation” means an individual’s actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual’s gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individual’s sex at birth.

bully. Staff will refrain from using personal electronic devices or district equipment to harass or stalk another person or people.

8. “Menacing” includes, but is not limited to, any act intended to place a district employee, student, or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

Reporting Procedures

The principals have responsibility for investigations concerning reports of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or menacing of staff or third parties. The investigator(s) shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the **report/complaint** presented.

Any employee or third party who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Menacing, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence or Domestic Violence – Student shall immediately report concerns to the designated district official.

Any employee or third party who has knowledge of conduct in violation of ~~this~~ Board policy GBNA – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, or Cyberbullying – Staff and this administrative regulation or feels they have been hazed, harassed, intimidated, bullied, cyberbullied, or menaced in violation of Board policy or this administrative regulation, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the designated district official.

All reports ~~and/or~~ information will be promptly investigated in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1 Any reports or information on acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or menacing (e.g., complaints, rumors) shall be presented to the principal. Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Information may be presented anonymously. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the offense and corresponding dates.

Step 2 The district official receiving the report shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any report involving their student. The district official will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within ~~ten~~ **10** working days after receipt of the information or report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the **report/complaint** will be reduced to writing. The district official(s) conducting the investigation shall notify the person making the report within 10 working days of receipt of the information or report, and parents as appropriate, in writing, when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.

A copy of the notification letter or the date and details of notification to the person making the report, together with any other documentation related to the incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

Step 3 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, they may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the person making the report and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the appeal within 10 working days. **A final decision by the superintendent will be reached within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.**

Step 4 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, ~~within 20 working days,~~ conduct a hearing at which time the person making the report shall be given an opportunity to present the information or report. The Board shall provide a written decision to the person making the report within ~~10-30 working days following completion of the hearing~~ of receipt of the appeal by the Board.

Reports against the superintendent should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within ~~20~~30 working days of receipt of the report, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within ~~20~~30 working days of receipt of the report, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board chair may be made directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board. The Board vice chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within ~~20~~30 working days of receipt of the report, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Timelines may be extended upon written agreement between both parties. This also applies to reports filed against the superintendent or any Board member.

Direct complaints of discriminatory harassment related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division; or the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the employee's personnel file.

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Reporting Requirements for Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students

Sexual conduct by district employees, contractors¹, agents², and volunteers³ is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers are subject to this policy. Students are also subject to this policy if they are acting as an employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.

⁴“Sexual conduct,” means verbal or physical conduct or verbal, written or electronic communications by a school employee, a contractor, an agent or a volunteer that involve a student and that are sexual advances or requests for sexual favors directed toward the student, or of a sexual nature that are directed toward the student or that have the effect of unreasonably interfering with a student’s educational performance, or of creating an intimidating or hostile or offensive educational environment. “Sexual conduct” does not include touching or other physical contact that is necessitated by the nature of the school employee’s job duties or by the services required to be provided by the contractor, agent or volunteer, and for which there is no sexual intent; verbal, written or electronic communications that are provided as part of an education program that meets state educational standards or a policy approved by the Board; or conduct or communications described in the definition of sexual conduct herein if the school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer is also a student and the conduct or communications arise out of a consensual relationship between students, do not create an intimidating or hostile educational environment and are not prohibited by law, any policies of the district or any applicable employment agreements.-

“Student” means any person who is in any grade from prekindergarten through grade 12 or 21 years of age or younger and receiving educational or related services from the district that is not a post-secondary institution of education, or who was previously known as a student by the person engaging in sexual conduct and who left school or graduated from high school within 90 days prior to the sexual conduct.

The district will post in each school building the names and contact information of the employees designated for the respective school buildings to receive reports of suspected sexual conduct and the procedures the designee will follow upon receipt of the report.

¹ “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.

² “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.

³ “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.

⁴ This definition of “sexual conduct” affects all conduct that occurs before, on or after June 23, 2021, for purposes of reports that are made, investigations that are initiated, or a collective bargaining agreement, an employment contract, an agreement for resignation or termination, a severance agreement or any similar contract or agreement entered into, on or after June 23, 2021.

Any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer who has reasonable cause to believe that a student has been subjected to sexual conduct by another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, or that another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer has engaged in sexual conduct with a student shall immediately report such suspected sexual conduct to the designated licensed administrator or the alternate designated licensed administrator, in the event the designated administrator is the suspected perpetrator, for their school building. If the conduct also constitutes child abuse, the employee must make mandatory reports in accordance with Board policy GBNAB/JHFE - Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the ~~Director of Student Support and Innovation~~ CES principal who shall report the suspected sexual conduct to the Board chair.

If an employee fails to report suspected sexual conduct or fails to maintain confidentiality of records, the employee will be disciplined up to and including dismissal.

When ~~at the~~ designated licensed administrator receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, the administrator will follow procedures established by the district and set forth in the district's administrative regulation GBNA/JHFF-AR - Suspected Sexual Conduct Report Procedures and Form. All such reports will be reported to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) or Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) as appropriate, for investigation. The agency receiving a report will complete an investigation regardless of any changes in the relationship or duties of the person who is the alleged perpetrator.

When there is reasonable cause to support the report, a district employee suspected of sexual conduct 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 the report, a district contractor, agent or volunteer suspected of sexual conduct 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 post in each school building the names and contact information of the employees designated for the school building to receive reports of suspected sexual conduct and the procedures the designee will follow upon receipt of the report.~~

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

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 cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in sexual conduct. 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 initiation of a report in good faith about suspected sexual conduct may not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or the work environment of the person who initiated the report or who may have been subject to sexual conduct. If a student initiates a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer in good faith, the student will not be disciplined by the district or any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.

The district will provide to employees 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 sexual conduct;
2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected sexual conduct is substantiated; and
3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, pursuant to ORS 339.378(2).

All district employees are subject to Board policy GCAB - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Staff regarding 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 discouraged.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.370 - 339.400](#)

[ORS 419B.005 - 419B.045](#)

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7926 (2018).

House Bill 2136 (2021).

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Suspected Sexual Conduct Report Procedures and Form

~~When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person licensed¹ through Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), the designee shall notify TSPC as soon as possible. When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person who is not licensed through TSPC, the designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as soon as possible.~~

The district posts in each school building the names and contact information of the district employees designated for the respective in each school building designated to receive reports of suspected sexual conduct and the procedures the designee(s) will follow upon receipt of the report.

When a designated licensed administrator² receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a commission licensee³, the designee shall notify Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). The designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) if the administrator receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer that is not a commission licensee.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the CES principal Director of Student Support and Innovation who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

The district will investigate all reports of suspected sexual conduct, unless otherwise requested by TSPC or ODE as appropriate.

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, and there is reasonable cause to support the report, the district shall place the district employee on paid administrative leave⁴ and take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. The employee shall remain on leave until TSPC⁵ or ODE⁶ determines that the report is substantiated and the district takes appropriate employment

¹ ~~"License" includes a license, registration or certificate issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.~~

² 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.

³ "Commission licensee," as is defined in ORS 342.120 (as amended by HB 2136 (2021)), means a person whom the TSPC has authority to investigate or discipline because the person is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program, is an applicant for a TSPC license or registration, holds a license or registration issued by TSPC, or has held a license or registration issued by the TSPC at any time during the previous five years.

⁴ The district employee cannot be required to use any accrued leave during the imposed paid administrative leave.

⁵ TSPC investigates reports on commission licensees.

⁶ ODE investigates reports on persons who are not commission licensees.

action against the employee, or cannot be substantiated or is not a report of sexual conduct and the district determines 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 an employment action against the employee is not required. ~~The district will investigate all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are licensed by the TSPC, unless otherwise requested by TSPC, and all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are not licensed by TSPC, unless otherwise requested by ODE.~~

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a contractor, an agent or a volunteer, the district ~~may~~ **shall** prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services to the district. ~~If the district determines there is reasonable cause to support a report of suspected sexual conduct, 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 sexual conduct has been investigated and a determination has been made by TSPC or ODE, **as appropriate**, that the report is unsubstantiated.

Upon request from ODE or TSPC the district will provide requested documents or materials to the extent allowed by state and federal law.

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

An “investigation” means a detailed inquiry into the factual allegations of a report of suspected sexual conduct that is based on interviews with the person who initiated the report, the person who may have been subjected to sexual conduct, witnesses and the person who is the subject of the report, and results in a finding that the report is a substantiated report, cannot be substantiated, or is not a report of sexual conduct. If the subject of the report is a district employee represented by a contract or a collective bargaining agreement, the investigation must meet any negotiated standards of such employment contract or agreement.

Nothing prevents the district from conducting its own investigation, unless another agency requests to lead the investigation or requests the district to suspend ~~their~~ the investigation, or taking an employment action based on information available to the district before an investigation conducted by another agency is completed. The district will cooperate with agencies assigned to conduct such investigations.

A “substantiated report” means a report of sexual conduct that TSPC or ODE determines is founded.

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, the district shall create 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.

Training

The district shall provide information and training each school year to district employees on the following:

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;
2. Obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and 419B.005 - 419B.050 and under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and
3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

The district shall make available each school year the training described above to contractors, agents, volunteers and to 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 to contractors, agents and volunteers each school year information on the following:

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;
2. Obligations of district employees under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and
3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

The district shall make available each school year training that is designed to prevent sexual conduct to students attending district-operated schools.

Clatskanie School District

SUSPECTED SEXUAL CONDUCT REPORT FORM

Name of person making report: _____

Position of person making report: _____

Name of person suspected of sexual conduct: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

Description of suspected sexual conduct: _____

Name of witnesses (if any): _____

Evidence of suspected sexual conduct, e.g., letters, photos, etc. (attach evidence if possible): _____

Any other information: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of witness: _____

Position of witness: _____

Date of testimony/interview: _____

Description of instance witnessed: _____

Any other information: _____

I agree that all the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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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 abuse¹ 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**² 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, contractors³, agents⁴, volunteers⁵, 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.

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

² "Person" could include adult, student or other child.

³ "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.

⁴ "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.

⁵ "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 ~~CES principal with the greatest years of seniority with an administrative license~~ is 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.

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 discouraged.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.370 - 339.400](#)
[ORS 418.257 - 418.259](#)

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

[OAR 581-022-2205](#)

Greene v. Camreta, 588 F.3d 1011 (9th Cir. 2009), vacated in part by, remanded by Camreta v. Greene, 131 S. Ct. 2020 (U.S. 2011); vacated in part, remanded by Greene v. Camreta 661 F.3d 1201 (9th Cir. 2011).
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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 abuse¹ 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**² 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 ~~insert licensed administrator position title~~ **CES 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.

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

² "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 leave³ 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 ~~may 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 investigated⁴ 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;

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

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

- 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.
 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.

Cooperation with Investigator

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

1. Any investigation of abuse of a child will be directed by the DHS or law enforcement officials as required by law. DHS or law enforcement officials wishing to interview a student shall present themselves at the school office and contact the school administrator, unless the school administrator is the subject of the investigation. When an administrator is notified that the DHS or law enforcement would like to interview a student at school, the administrator must request that the investigating official fill out the appropriate form (See GBNAB/JHFE-AR(2) – Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises). The administrator or designee should not deny the interview based on the investigator’s refusal to sign the form. If the student is to be interviewed at the school, the administrator or designee shall make a private space available. The administrator or 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.

Law enforcement officials wishing to remove a student from the premises shall present themselves at the office and contact the administrator or designee. The law enforcement official shall sign the student out in accordance with district procedures;

2. When the subject matter of the interview or investigation is identified to be related to suspected abuse of a child, district employees shall not notify parents or anyone else other than DHS or law enforcement agency and any school employee necessary to enable the investigation;
3. The administrator or designee shall advise the investigator of any conditions of disability prior to any interview with the affected child;
4. District employees are not authorized to reveal anything that transpires during an investigation in which the employee participates, nor shall the information become part of the student's education records, except that the employee may testify at any subsequent trial resulting from the investigation and may be interviewed by the respective litigants prior to any such trial.

Nothing prevents the district from conducting its own investigation, unless another agency requests to lead the investigation or requests the district to suspend the investigation, or taking an employment action based on information available to the district before an investigation conducted by another agency is completed. The district will cooperate with agencies assigned to conduct such investigations.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GBNAB/JHFE-AR(2)
Revised/Reviewed: 8/01/11; 5/06/13; 1/22/18;
11/26/18

Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises

The Department of Human Services (DHS) or a law enforcement agency has the authority to conduct an investigation of a report of child abuse on school premises according to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.045. The school administrator must be notified that the investigation is to take place, unless the administrator is a subject of the investigation. The investigator is not required to reveal information about the investigation to the school as a condition of conducting the investigation.

After the investigator provides adequate identification, school staff shall allow access to the child and provide a private space for conducting the interview. The investigator shall be advised by a school administrator or a school staff member of a child's relevant disabling conditions, if any, prior to any interview with the child. The school administrator or designee may, at the investigator's discretion, be present to facilitate the investigation.

School staff may only notify DHS, the law enforcement agency or school employees that are necessary to enable the investigation. School staff may not notify any other persons, including the child's parent(s) or guardian(s).

Investigator Name (Printed)

Name of Agency

Name of Worker's/Investigator's Supervisor

Supervisor Contact Information

Investigator Position and Badge or ID Number

Student Name

School

Investigator Signature

Date

☐ Investigator refused to sign. District staff should not deny entry based on refusal to sign.

FOR COMPLETION BY DISTRICT STAFF

- ☐ Student not available for interview
- ☐ Student refused to be interviewed
- ☐ Administrator participated in interview

Name of Administrator Notified

Name of Office Staff Involved

Name of Participating Administrator

This form should be placed in a separate secure file and not in the student's file.

Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on
District Premises – GBNAB/JHFE-AR(2)

Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GC
Adopted: 5/06/13
Orig. Code(s): GC

Licensed Staff Positions

The superintendent shall establish licensed staff positions necessary to carry out the district's instructional goals.

Positions so established may include those which carry other than classroom teaching responsibility.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.505](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

Job York v. Portland Sch. Dist., No. FDA 83-7 (August 1983).

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2012).

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Adopted: 5/11/20
Orig. Code(s): GCA

License Requirements

The Board, in adhering to with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS), shall require all applicants selected for employment for positions that require licensing, to hold a valid Oregon license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) as a condition of employment. The district must be able to verify the current license of applicants offered employment before the Board will consider approving their employment.

If an applicant's teaching license application with the TSPC is pending, the applicant may teach for 90 calendar days after the date of submission of the application, if the applicant has:

1. Submitted an application in the manner and form required by the TSPC, including payment of all required fees;
2. Completed a background clearance conducted by the TSPC that includes having:
 - a. Furnished fingerprints, if required;
 - b. Provided satisfactory responses to character questions in the form and manner required by the TSPC; and
 - c. Completed a criminal records check pursuant to state law and a background check through the interstate clearinghouse for revoked or suspended licenses, and is eligible for a teaching license.
3. Not been employed by the district under this 90 calendar day provision during the previous 12 months with a pending application for the same license.

The district will complete a review of the applicant's employment history and verify through TSPC if there is an ongoing investigation or a substantiated report that may constitute sexual conduct as required by law prior to beginning employment.

The district will verify through TSPC the employee is properly licensed on the 91st calendar day after the application was submitted to the TSPC, if the employee's license application is pending and the employee is teaching in the district.

~~This 90-calendar day teaching option will only be applied to those positions of high need, specialty areas or emergency assignments as determined by the district.~~

This verification of licensure includes all license endorsements. It shall be each licensed staff member's responsibility to keep all endorsements current and to submit them to the superintendent's office.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.505](#)
[ORS 339.374](#)

[ORS 342.120 - 342.203](#)
[OAR 584-050-0035](#)

[OAR 584-200-0020](#)

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GCAA
Adopted: 1/09/23
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Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators

Application of Rules

1. Oregon Administrative Rules were adopted by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).
2. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) may be used as criteria by the TSPC in matters pertaining to the revocation or suspension of licenses issued by TSPC under Oregon law or the discipline of any license holder or any person who has held a license at any time within five years prior to issuance of the notice of charges under ORS.
3. The TSPC determines whether an educator's performance is ethical or competent in light of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the educator's performance as a whole.
4. The TSPC will promptly investigate complaints:
 - a. The TSPC may at its discretion defer action to charge an educator against whom a complaint has been filed under law when the investigation report indicates that disciplinary action against the educator is pending at the local district level or when criminal charges are pending or are likely to be filed against the educator. In considering whether to defer action to charge an educator, the TSPC shall consider all relevant circumstances including the nature and seriousness of the allegations and whether the educator is currently employed as a teacher or school administrator;
 - b. The executive secretary shall regularly inform the TSPC of the status of any complaints on which the TSPC has deferred action.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to Oregon Administrative Rules unless otherwise indicated by context:

1. "Administrator": any educator who holds a valid Oregon administrative license or registration and who works in a position requiring an administrative license;
2. "Competent": discharging required duties as set forth in these rules;
3. "Educator": any licensed or registered or certified person who is authorized to be engaged in the instructional program including teaching, counseling, school psychology, administering and supervising;
4. "Ethical": conforming to the professional standards of conduct set forth in these rules;

5. “Sexual conduct”: means verbal or physical conduct or verbal, written or electronic communications by a school employee, a contractor, an agent or a volunteer that involve a student that are:
- a. Sexual advances or requests for sexual favors directed toward the student; or
 - b. Of a sexual nature that are directed toward the student or that have the effect of unreasonably interfering with the student’s educational performance, or of creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.
- “Sexual conduct” does not include:
- a. Touching or other physical contact:
 - (1) That is necessitated by the nature of the district employee’s job duties or by the services required to be provided by the contractor, agent, or volunteer; and
 - (2) For which there is no sexual intent.
 - b. Verbal, written or electronic communications that are provided as part of an education program that meets the state educational standards or a policy approved by the Board
 - c. Conduct or communications described in above if the district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer is also a student and the conduct or communications:
 - (1) Arise out of a consensual relationship between students;
 - (2) Do not create an intimidating or hostile educational environment; and
 - (3) Are not prohibited by law, any policies of the district or any applicable employment agreements.
6. “Sexual harassment”: any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
- a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment;
 - b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
 - c. Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual’s work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.
7. “Teacher”: any person who holds a teacher’s license as provided in ORS 342.125.
8. “Student”: means any person who is:
- a. In any grade from kindergarten through grade 12; or
 - b. Twenty-one years of age or younger and receiving educational or related services from an education provider that is not a post-secondary institution of education; or
 - c. Who was previously known as a student by the person engaging in sexual conduct and who left school or graduated from high school within 90 days prior to the sexual conduct.

The Competent Educator

The teacher or administrator demonstrates a commitment to:

1. Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual;
2. Encourage scholarship;
3. Promote democratic and inclusive citizenship;
4. Raise educational standards;
5. Use professional judgment; and
6. Promote equitable learning opportunities.

Curriculum and Instruction

The competent educator measures success by the progress of each student toward realization of personal potential as a worthy and effective citizen. The competent educator stimulates the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding and the thoughtful formulation of goals as they are appropriate for each individual.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Use of state- and district-adopted curriculum and goals;
2. Skill in setting instructional goals and objectives expressed as learning outcomes;
3. Use of current subject matter appropriate to the individual needs of students;
4. Use of students' growth and development patterns to adjust instruction to individual needs consistent with number of students and amount of time available; and
5. Skill in the selection and use of teaching techniques conducive to student learning.

The competent administrator demonstrates:

1. Skill in assisting individual staff members to become more competent educator by complying with federal, state and local law, rules and lawful and reasonable district policy and contracts;
2. Knowledge of curriculum and instruction appropriate to assignment;
3. Skill in implementing instructional programs through adequate communication with staff; and
4. Skill in identifying and initiating any needed change which helps each student toward realization of personal learning potential.

Supervision and Evaluation

The competent educator is a student of human behavior and uses this knowledge to provide a climate that is conducive to learning and that respects the rights of all persons without discrimination. The competent educator assumes responsibility for the activities planned and conducted through the district's program and assists colleagues to do the same. The competent educator gathers relevant information and uses it in the planning and evaluation of instructional activities.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Multiple ways to assess the academic progress of individual students;
2. Skill in the application of assessment data to assist individual student growth;
3. Procedures for evaluating curriculum and instructional goals and practices;
4. Skill in the supervision of students; and
5. Skill in differentiating instruction.

The competent administrator demonstrates:

1. Skill in the use of assessment data to provide effective instructional programs;
2. Skill in the implementation of the district's student evaluation program;
3. Skill in providing equal opportunity for all students and staff; and
4. Skill in the use of employee and leadership techniques appropriate to the assignment and according to well-established standards which ensure due process for the staff for which the administrator is responsible for evaluating.

Management Skills

The competent educator is a person who understands students and is able to relate to them in constructive and culturally competent ways. The competent educator establishes and maintains good rapport. The competent educator maintains and uses records as required and as needed to assist the growth of students.

The competent teacher demonstrates skills in:

1. Establishing and maintaining classroom management that is conducive to learning;
2. Using and maintaining district property, equipment and materials appropriately;
3. Using and maintaining student records as required by federal and state law and district policies and procedures;
4. Using district and school business and financial procedures; and
5. Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations.

The competent administrator demonstrates:

1. Leadership skills in managing the school, its students, staff and programs as required by lawful and reasonable district policies, rules and regulations, state and federal laws and regulations and other programs as assigned and assures that staff is informed of these requirements; and
2. Skills in planning and staff assignment.

Human Relations and Communications

The competent educator works effectively with others — students, staff, parents and patrons. The competent educator is aware of the ways the community identifies with the school, as well as community needs and ways the school program is designed to meet these needs. The competent educator can communicate with knowledge, clarity and judgment about educational matters, the school and the needs of students.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Willingness to be flexible in cooperatively working with others; and
2. Skill in communicating with students, staff, parents and other patrons.

The competent administrator demonstrates:

1. Skill in helping students, staff, parents and other patrons to learn about the school, the district and its program;
2. Skill in communicating district and school goals to staff and the public;
3. Willingness to be flexible in cooperatively working with others; and
4. Skill in reconciling conflict.

The Ethical Educator

The ethical educator is a person who accepts the requirements of membership in the teaching profession and acts at all times in ethical ways. In so doing the ethical educator considers the needs of the students, the district and the profession.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the student, will:

1. Keep the confidence entrusted in the profession as it relates to confidential information concerning a student and the student's family;
2. Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain or in support of persons or issues; and
3. Maintain an appropriate professional student-educator relationship by:
 - a. Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life;

- b. Not accepting or giving or exchanging romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student;
- c. Reporting to the educator’s supervisor if the educator has reason to believe a student is or may be becoming romantically attached to the educator; and
- d. Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the district, will:

- 1. Apply for, accept, offer or assign a position of responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications and will adhere to the conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment;
- 2. Conduct professional business, including grievances, through established lawful and reasonable procedures;
- 3. Strive for continued improvement and professional growth;
- 4. Accept no gratuities or gifts of significance that could influence judgment in the exercise of professional duties; and
- 5. Not use the district’s or school’s name, property or resources for noneducational benefit without approval of the educator’s supervisor or the appointing authority.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the profession, will:

- 1. Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty;
- 2. Extend equal treatment to all members of the profession in the exercise of their professional rights and responsibilities;
- 3. Respond to requests for evaluation of colleagues and to keep such information confidential as appropriate; and
- 4. Respond to requests from a TSPC representative for information, furnish documents to TSPC, and participate in interviews with a TSPC representative relating to a TSPC investigation, except subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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Clatskanie School District 6J

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Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Staff**

Staff possession or use of personal electronic devices on district property, in district facilities during the work day and while the staff is on duty in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the superintendent or designee. At no time, whether on duty or off duty, will a personal electronic device be used in a manner that interferes with staff duty and responsibility for the supervision of students.

A “personal electronic device” is a device, not issued by the district and is, capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing, and/or displaying information and data.

Personal electronic devices shall be silenced during instructional or class time, while on duty or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities or interfere with a work assignment. Devices, which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio, shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a staff member is on duty at district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized by the principal or designee for a use directly related to and consistent with the employee’s assigned duties. Computers, tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to academic activities during on duty time.

The district will not be liable for loss or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will utilize social media websites, public websites and blogs, judiciously by not posting confidential information about students, staff or district business.¹ Staff may not post images of district facilities, staff, students, volunteers or parents without written authorization from persons with authority to grant such a release. Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will treat fellow employees, students and the public with respect while posting on social media websites, etc., in order to prevent substantial disruption in school.

Communication with students using personal electronic devices will be appropriate, and professional. Communication with students using personal electronic devices regarding nonschool-related matters is prohibited during work hours and strongly discouraged at all other times. If communicating with students electronically regarding school-related matters, staff should use district e-mail using mailing lists and/or other internet messaging to a group of students rather than individual students. Texting a student during work hours is discouraged. Texting a student while off duty is strongly discouraged.

¹ Nothing in this policy is intended in any form to limit the right of employees to engage in protected labor activities via the use of social media.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with superintendent or designee approval.

Staff are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal for using a personal electronic device in any manner that is illegal or violates the terms of this policy. Staff actions on social media websites, public websites and blogs, while on or off duty, which disrupt the school environment, are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. A “disruption”² for purposes of this policy includes, but is not limited to, one or more parent threatens to remove their children from a particular class or particular school, actual withdrawal of a student or students from a particular class or particular school and/or a threatened or actual negative impact on the learning environment.

–The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing–mailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.

Licensed staff are subject at all times to the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators. (See Board policy GCAA) for Teachers.

The superintendent shall ensure that this policy is available to all employees.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 163.432](#)
[ORS 163.433](#)
[ORS 163.684](#)
[ORS 163.686](#)
[ORS 163.687](#)
[ORS 163.688](#)
[ORS 163.689](#)

[ORS 163.693](#)
[ORS 163.700](#)
[ORS 167.057](#)
[ORS 326.011](#)
[ORS 326.051](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)
[ORS 339.372](#)

[OAR 584-020-0000 – 020-0035](#)

Senate Bill 155 (2019)

18 U.S.C. § 1466A (2018).

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Melzer v. Bd. Of Educ., City of New York, 336 F.3d 185 (2d Cir. 2003).

Ross v. Springfield Sch. Dist., No. FDA 80-1, aff’d, 56 Or. App. 197, rev’d and remanded, 294 Or. 357 (1982), order on remand (1983), aff’d, 71 Or. App. 111 (1984), rev’d and remanded, 300 Or. 507 (1986), order on second remand (1987), revised order on second remand (1988).

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² Ibid. p. 1

Clatskanie School District 6J

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Orig. Code(s): GCBA

Salary Schedule Placement

When employing certified personnel, placement on the salary schedule will be determined by the superintendent or designee of teacher preparation and teaching experience of the individual hired.

Experience credit for work in private industry or governmental work will be evaluated by the superintendent and designee.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 332.505](#)

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GCBD/GDBD
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Orig. Code(s): GCBD/GDBD

Leaves and Absences

Leave entitlement for personal illness or injury will accrue at the rate of one day per month, for each month the employee is employed by the district, or a minimum of 10 days per year, whichever is greater.

In accordance with state law, this leave will accumulate without limit. Up to 75 days of sick leave may be transferred from another district, however, the accumulation shall not exceed that carried by the most recent previous employing district and shall not be effective until the employee has completed 30 days with ~~the~~ this district.

All medical information will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records, and released only in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable law.

~~The district reserves the right to require proof of personal illness or injury from all employees in excess of five consecutive days, including a medical examination by a physician chosen and paid for by the district.~~ Sick leave in excess of five consecutive work days shall require a certificate from the employee's attending physician, naturopathic physician or practitioner that the employee's illness or injury prevents the school employee from working. Any employee refusing to submit to such an examination, or to provide other evidence as required by the district, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Other paid and unpaid leaves will be determined by the district's negotiated agreements.

Sickness or other unavoidable circumstances ~~that which~~ prevent a teacher from teaching 20 school days immediately following exhaustion of sick leave accumulated under Oregon law will result in the teacher being placed on unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year or until the teacher's disability is removed and ~~they are~~ ~~he/she~~ is able to return to work. If the teacher is still unable to return to work the following August 1, the Board may terminate the teacher's employment, subject to state and federal laws regarding family illness leave ~~law~~.

All district-paid employee benefits, such as health and dental insurance, will cease on the last day of the month in which employment is terminated, or the staff member is placed on unpaid leave, unless the unpaid leave is in conjunction with state or federal family medical leave. The staff member will be informed of their rights to remain a part of the district benefit plan at personal expense.

Any worker who has sustained a compensable personal injury or illness and is disabled and unable to perform essential job functions, will be reemployed at such time as a physician issues a Fitness-for-Duty Certification. Such rights of reemployment are subject to seniority rights and other restrictions of the collective bargaining agreement between the employer and employee bargaining unit.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332](#).507

[ORS 342](#).545

[ORS 342](#).610

[ORS 659A](#).046

Knapp v. North Bend, 304 Or. 34 (1987).

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1161-1169 (2012).

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1461 (2012).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2016); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2016).

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2654 (2012); Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 C.F.R. Part 825 (2016).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

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Clatskanie School District 6J

Code: GCBD/GDBD-AR

Revised/Reviewed: 4/22/13

Orig. Code(s): GCBD/GDBD-AR

Keeping form as internal; deleting as an AR

Unpaid Non-Medical Employee Leave Request

(This form is required for any unpaid non-medical leave)

Employee Name: _____

Job Title: _____ Work Site: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Extension: _____

Instructions for Employees: You must complete this Employee Leave Request form for any unpaid, non-medical leave. It must be completed before leave is taken to ensure the leave has been approved. Submit the completed form to your supervisor. The district office may need to ask for additional information. Thirty days' notice is required for any leave over three days, except in cases of emergency or unexpected circumstance.

Request for Leave

1. Beginning date of absence: _____

Date of return: _____

2. I am requesting leave for: ☐ Full time/all of my assignment; or
☐ Part time/FTE or hours per day/week.

Reason for Leave (Documentation to be submitted to Personnel Office.)

- ☐ Association/Union Business: Verification of contractual arrangements must be provided to Personnel Office.
- ☐ Exchange or Other Teaching: Specifics of leave or verification of contractual arrangements must be provided to Personnel Office.
- ☐ Political: Completed Employee Leave request only.
- ☐ Other (e.g., hunting, vacation, etc.): You must attach a written statement on a separate sheet explaining your reason for an unpaid leave of absence.

Supervisor Acknowledgment

My signature below indicates only that I have received this employee's request for a leave of absence.

Print Supervisor Name

Supervisor Signature

Date

Employee Signature

Print Employee

Name Employee Signature

Date

My signature above indicates that I understand it is my responsibility to contact Human Resources, (503)728-0587 ext. 2003, for information regarding continuation of my district provided health and welfare benefits, if this is an extended leave. Should I choose to continue insurance benefits on a self-pay basis, it is my responsibility to call the benefits department (503)-728-0587, regarding options for continuation of benefits during my unpaid leave. When I return from unpaid leave, it may be necessary to complete new insurance forms to reinstate the district's contribution for my coverage. This is true whether or not I self-pay for benefits while on leave.

As an employee requesting unpaid leave I must inform the Human Resources and/or Personnel offices in writing, no later than March 15th of my intention to return at the beginning of the school term following the expiration of my leave.

Please return completed form with the materials requested to: Clatskanie School District Office, Attention Business Office, PO Box 678, Clatskanie, OR 97016-0678.

If you have questions please call 503-728-0587 ext. 2003

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Superintendent

(Print) Superintendent Signature

Date

Board Chair signature (when required):

Board Chair (Print)

Board Chair Signature

Date

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