

July 25, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about a new law, [Senate Bill 819](#), which affects students with disabilities. Senate Bill 819 significantly changes how schools may use “abbreviated school day programs,” which means a program where a child attends school for fewer hours of school than the majority of other students. You are receiving this letter because your child ended the 2022-23 school year on an abbreviated school day program placement or was placed on an abbreviated school day program for 30 or more school days during the 2022-23 school year.

Here’s what you need to know:

This law changes how individualized education program (IEP) teams decide if your child should be on an abbreviated school day program placement. We’ll provide more details about these changes when we meet next to discuss this placement.

- The District is required to obtain parent/guardian consent for your student to be on an abbreviated school day program. You have the right to revoke your consent at any time. If you choose to revoke consent for an abbreviated school day, you will need to notify us in writing. If you revoke consent, we will provide your child with meaningful access to the same number of hours of instruction and educational services as other students within five school days.
- If you tell us in writing at least 14 days before the next school year starts that you do not want your child in their abbreviated school day program, your child will start the school year with full hours of instruction and educational services.
- While your student is on an abbreviated day, the IEP team will meet at least every 30 calendar days, unless you provide written consent for an alternate schedule. Senate Bill 819 requires that we meet at least every 90 calendar days.
- Before each IEP meeting, we must inform you in writing of the following items:
 - The school district’s duty to comply with the requirements of this bill;
 - The prohibition against a school district placing a student with a disability on an abbreviated school day program without your consent;
 - The student’s right to have meaningful access to the same number of hours of instruction and educational services as the majority of other students who are in the same grade within the student’s resident school district; and
 - The parent’s or foster parent’s right, at any time, to withdraw consent for an abbreviated school day program placement or to request a meeting of the student’s IEP team to discuss whether the student should no longer be placed on an abbreviated school day program.

The full text of Senate Bill 819 is available to [review online](#).

If you decide to revoke consent, meaning you want your student to return to a full school day, please send your letter to one of the following options:

Mail:

Salem-Keizer Student Services
Attn: Chere' Limbach
PO Box 12024
Salem, OR 97302

Email:

Limbach_Chere@salkeiz.k12.or.us

If you need more help or information, you can contact:

Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Chere' Limbach, Administrative Assistant. She will direct you to the appropriate person. She can be reached at Limbach_Chere@salkeiz.k12.or.us, or 503-399-3101.

- **Oregon Department of Education (ODE)**, Oregon's state educational agency, is located at 255 Capitol Street NE, Salem, OR 97310. ODE can be reached at ode.sb819questions@ode.oregon.gov or 503-947-5600. More information about ODE is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode>.
- **FACT Oregon**, Oregon's Parent Information and Training Center for Families with Children with Disabilities, is located at 2475 SE Ladd Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. FACT Oregon can be reached at (503) 786-6082, (541) 695-5416, support@factoregon.org or apoyo@factoregon.org. More information about FACT Oregon is available at <https://factoregon.org/>.
- **Disability Rights Oregon (DRO)**, Oregon's disability protection and advocacy agency, is located at 511 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97205. DRO can be reached at (503) 243-2081 or welcome@droregon.org. More information about Disability Rights Oregon is available at <https://www.droregon.org/>.

We know this is a lot of information, and we're here to help. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Melissa Glover
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