



# 2023-24 ALL-SCHOOL FAMILY HANDBOOK

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Oregon Episcopal School! Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the 2023-2024 All-School Family Handbook and refer to it as necessary throughout the school year.

**IMPORTANT:** This Handbook is for informational purposes. It is intended to provide you with the policies and procedures that support OES's Mission, Vision, and Identity of OES, to help build integrity, trust, and respect among all members of the school community. It is not intended to and does not constitute a contract or a binding promise. Rather, it is intended to be a general outline of our current policies and practices. No set of rules or guidelines can cover every conceivable situation that might arise at OES. There may be situations that require immediate or nonstandard responses and OES has the right to deviate from these policies, especially with respect to discipline. OES also has the right to update its policies during the school year.

*Your signature on your enrollment contract indicates your willingness to abide by these policies as well as any updates that are communicated to the parents and students throughout the academic year. Parents also agree to communicate these standards and responsibilities to their student(s).*

Following the All-School Handbook, you will find additional sections outlining specific procedures and norms for each division and the residential program. Please familiarize yourself and adhere to the information contained in each section relevant to you and your student(s). Middle and Upper School students are expected to familiarize themselves with and abide by the policies outlined in the Upper School section (and Residential Life section if applicable).

Other important descriptive information can be found on the OES website ([www.oes.edu](http://www.oes.edu)) and in documentation provided to you by your student's divisional leadership.

## OES MISSION AND IDENTITY

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### MISSION

Oregon Episcopal School prepares students for higher education and lifelong learning by inspiring intellectual, physical, social, emotional, artistic, and spiritual growth so that they may realize their power for good as citizens of local and world communities.

### IDENTITY

Our Oregon home matters: Perched on the Pacific Rim, nestled between the ocean and the mountains, bordered by both natural wetlands and urban development, we nurture intrinsic curiosity about complex environments and foster connections between people of diverse backgrounds.

- **Our Episcopal Tradition Matters**

Rooted in a rhythm of gathering and reflection, we educate toward a larger purpose—toward inclusion and respect, understanding and compassion, service and social justice, and meaning and commitment beyond ourselves.

- **Our School Philosophy Matters**

Grounded in the belief that the advancement of knowledge flows from open and rigorous inquiry, we cultivate the life of the mind and the whole person by connecting questions with exploration and discovery, theories with scrutiny, expression with art, and self with subject.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

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As an Episcopal school, we are rooted in the values of compassion for our human family, the strength of dialogue to promote understanding, and a commitment to inclusion. Our Episcopal roots further challenge us to create an environment—both within and beyond our school—that recognizes each person's lived experiences and where everyone thrives and is valued. We recognize that we must actively work to create and strengthen a community steeped in diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racist actions. In order to grow our intentions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism (DEIA) to actionable steps, we outline here our commitment to justice.

### IMPORTANT TERMS

- **Diversity:** Diversity means all of the ways humans are different from one another, especially as these differences relate to social categories such as ability, class, color, ethnicity, gender identity, language, marital status, national origin, race, religion and sexual orientation. Diversity should not be used as a synonym for people of color, but should refer to a group consisting of multiple individuals who are different from each other in some socially categorized way.
- **Equity:** As an outcome, equity means the elimination of differential consequences based largely on one's social location such as race, class, and gender. As a process, it requires our school community to address root causes of inequity, especially as they relate to race (racial equity), and not just the manifestations of inequity.
- **Inclusion:** Co-creating an environment where all individuals—especially those who have been historically and systematically excluded—feel accepted, safe, empowered, supported, and affirmed.
- **Anti-Racism:** Anti-racism approaches happen on both a systemic and individual level. At an educational institution, such as OES, anti-racism means actively working for racial equity in all areas of a school: for example, employment, curriculum, discipline, fundraising, and enrollment. An anti-racist school, among other things, is intentional in design and action as it keeps the impact and salience of race at the forefront of decisions and practices.

## ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENTS

We commit to:

- Anti-racism as both a philosophy and practice that benefits all.
- Actively build individual and collective capacity to grow in strength, understanding, and empowerment to act as anti-racist members of the OES community and beyond.
- Making decisions based on principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism (DEIA).
- Creating department-level plans of action that are designed to strengthen the OES movement towards principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.
- Creating consistent, collaborative spaces in which all members of the OES community are heard, seen, and respected. OES leadership is responsible for seeking out, reflecting on, and responding to this feedback at regular intervals.

## EQUITY PRINCIPLES

We are guided by:

- **Accountable Leadership:** OES Leadership (Board of Trustees, Head of School, and Administrative Team) is responsible and accountable for facilitating and co-creating opportunities for the OES community to learn about and engage in topics of DEIA. OES Leadership is available to hold time and space to hear from community members and provide resources for ideas to move into action.
- **Self-Engagement:** Every member of the OES community (student, board member, family member, faculty/staff) is responsible for committing to engaging with topics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism, and acting with this learning in mind.
- **Beloved Community:** Every member of the OES community agrees to be accountable for cultivating an inclusive community, one where all members are accepted, safe, empowered, supported, and affirmed.
- **Justice-Based Decision-Making:** We make decisions based on diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism principles, knowing that this benefits the entire community.
- **Next Steps / Call to Action:** We recognize that naming our organizational commitments and equity principles is just the first step in our collective journey to operationalize and embed this work within our organizational culture. This is a living document that requires us to apply these commitments and principles to our individual and collective work. Our school community's ongoing success in this work will require our continuous reflection, actions, and learning from all of the work that we move forward.

## OES ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES

We strive to develop for all members of our community the opportunity and ability to:

- **Cultivate** curiosity and creativity
- **Construct** a strong foundation of knowledge and skills
- **Design** and apply solutions
- **Listen** actively and recognize perspectives beyond one's own
- **Collaborate** to broaden and deepen understanding
- **Express** ideas in multiple ways
- **Build** resilience and respond constructively to challenges
- **Take** responsibility for one's actions
- **Value** diversity and uphold the dignity of all people
- **Act** with courage and compassion to self and others

**OES Honor Code:** Written and adopted by the Upper School Student Council in 2018, the Honor Code guides our efforts to use our power for good both at school and beyond:

“As a member of the Oregon Episcopal School community, I commit to honesty, safety, accountability, and respect for others in my academic, extracurricular, and social pursuits.”

**Parent-School Partnership:** To ensure a strong and collaborative partnership with families and to support the safe and healthy development of children, OES parents and guardians are asked to partner with the school around the following principles:

- Directly communicating with the school and, when appropriate, other OES parents and guardians, with concerns about the health and safety of any child in the community.
- Compliance with laws designed to safeguard children, such as those governing health codes, social media, nonconsensual physical and/or sexual contact, and the use of alcohol and other drugs.
- Adherence to the Major School Rules and the community expectations that guide OES.
- Working from the assumption that the school and other parents/guardians are acting in good faith and in the best interest of all children.
- Engaging with the life of the school and supporting OES's mission and values.

If the Head of School determines in his sole discretion that a parent or guardian is not partnering with the school in a positive and constructive working relationship, OES may place restrictions on the individual's involvement with school activities or events or their presence on school property. If these restrictions prove to be insufficient, OES reserves the right to withdraw the parent/guardian's student from enrollment or decline to re-enroll the student for the next school year.



# ALL-SCHOOL POLICIES

## NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

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Oregon Episcopal School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), gender identity or expression, disability, sexual orientation, or other legally protected status in admission of otherwise qualified students or in providing access to the rights, privileges, programs, or activities generally available to students at the school, including administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs and activities.

Oregon Episcopal School similarly does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices on the basis of race, color, sex (including pregnancy), religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, honorably discharged veteran or military status, marital status, sensory, mental or physical disability, genetic information, or any other status protected by local, state or federal law.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Oregon Episcopal School is committed to a diverse community, which includes providing reasonable accommodations in academics, residential housing, and other programs and services to address the disability-related requirements of otherwise qualified students with disabilities. Although the school cannot offer special education programs for students with disabilities, OES is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified students so that such students can participate in the school's programs.

Reasonable accommodations are modifications and interventions (excluding personal services) that are designed to enable students with disabilities to enjoy equal access to the full array of programs and supports offered at our school without creating an undue burden on OES, fundamentally altering the nature of an OES education, or lowering its standards (including academic graduation requirements). The Head of School, in consultation with the appropriate division head, has the discretion to decide that a student should leave OES if the student cannot meet the school's academic requirements even with reasonable accommodations.

The school may require medical documentation of a student's disability; this information will be treated as confidential.

## TRANSGENDER / NON-BINARY STUDENTS

OES is committed to ensuring the safety, comfort, and healthy development of transgender and non-binary students. We seek to ease student's social integration and minimize any stigmatization.

- **Privacy/Confidentiality:** Students and families have the right to keep certain personal information confidential. To ensure the safety and well-being of the

student, school personnel should not disclose a student's transgender status to others, including the student's parents/guardians, classmates, and/or other school personnel, unless (1) legally required to do so; or (2) the student has authorized such disclosure.

- **Names/Pronouns:** At OES, students may be addressed by the name and pronoun that corresponds to the gender identity to which they identify. Students are not required to obtain a court ordered name and/or gender change as a prerequisite to being addressed by the name and pronoun that corresponds to their gender identity.
- **Forms/Official Records:** OES will change a student's official records to reflect a change in legal name or gender upon receipt of documentation, such as a court order or an amendment to a state- or federally-issued identification. To the extent that OES is not legally required to use a student's legal name and gender on school records or documents, OES will use the name and gender by which the student identifies. In situations where school staff or administrators are required by law to use or report a student's legal name or gender, such as for standardized testing, school staff will do what is necessary to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of such confidential information.
- **Team Room Accessibility:** Students who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming may use the team room or locker room that corresponds to their gender identity. Alternatively, they may request an alternate team room or changing space, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the goals of maximizing the student's social integration, safety and comfort, and minimizing any stigmatization of the student. In keeping with OES's commitment to inclusion, our new Athletic Center has single-stall, non-gendered restrooms and changing facilities on the ground floor of the building. Any student who has a need or desire for increased privacy, regardless of the underlying reason, will be provided with a reasonable alternative changing area such as the use of a private area (e.g., a nearby restroom stall with a door, an area separated by a curtain, etc.), or with a separate changing schedule (e.g., using the locker room that corresponds to their gender identity before or after other students). Any alternative arrangement should be provided in a way that protects the student's ability to keep their transgender status confidential.
- **Restroom Accessibility:** Students are allowed to use the restroom that corresponds to the gender with which they identify. Gender inclusive bathrooms are also available on campus for all students.
- **Overnight Activities and Off-Campus Trips:** OES will make every effort to ensure the safety and comfort of transgender and gender nonconforming students, maximize the student's social interaction and equal opportunity for participation, and minimize any stigmatization and isolation from the general student population. In most cases, students will be assigned to share overnight accommodations with students that share the student's gender identity. Any student who is transgender and who has a need or desire for increased privacy will be provided with reasonable sleeping arrangements.

## MAJOR ALL-SCHOOL RULES

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Oregon Episcopal School is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals, including students and employees, are safe. It is also committed to providing a climate that is conducive to learning. All students, whether in Lower, Middle, or Upper School, are required to comply with major school rules and with OES's Commitment to Justice.

OES also requires that all students act responsibly and with consideration toward each other. We will not tolerate any behavior that threatens the emotional or physical safety of a student or which unreasonably interferes with the learning environment. OES is dedicated to using Restorative Practice to help students learn from their mistakes and acknowledge the impact of their actions on others. Depending on the severity of the event, other consequences, up to and including dismissal, may be considered and imposed.

The campus of Oregon Episcopal School is a "Safe School Zone." This includes all school buildings, school buses, and school property. As such, the unauthorized possession of a weapon or the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance in or on any premises or property owned or controlled by the School is prohibited.

Because it is impossible to anticipate all behaviors that might be unacceptable, the following behaviors and articulations of Safety Policies and Major School Rules are only examples of the kind of behavior that will not be tolerated, and are not intended to be exclusive. Instead, think of them as a guide.

### POSSESSION OF ANY WEAPON

For this policy, weapons include any device which is or may be used to cause death or serious injury, and includes guns; air guns; BB guns; explosives; knives; swords; metal knuckles; straight razors; noxious, irritating, incendiary or poisonous gasses; or poison. Moreover, props or game equipment which imitate or can easily be confused with weapons are also prohibited. Small pocket knives may be permitted on outings such as camping trips but only with approval from the trip leader. These objects are wholly inappropriate in a school environment and create the potential for unintended harm. Any other object that is used in a threatening way is immediately subject to this rule. Students cannot use school resources, including EC3 to create weapons. Students found in violation of this rule may be restricted from using that space for a period of time. Weapons and objects in violation of this rule will be confiscated and families will be notified. Depending on the severity of the event, OES may impose additional consequences, up to and including dismissal. If appropriate, we may also notify law enforcement.

### HARASSMENT (INCLUDING BULLYING AND HAZING)

As a school that is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive community through compassion and care, OES believes every student has the right to feel safe and respected. Bullying, hazing, and harassment of any kind—physical, verbal, nonverbal, visual, relational, and/or sexual harassment—will not be tolerated.

Harassment is any abuse based on perceived or identified race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, age, ability, or grade in school. It includes verbal or written psychological or physical abuse, as well as equally damaging forms of harassment through graffiti, epithets, stereotypical remarks, or any behavior, regardless of intent, that contributes to a hostile environment in which to live and learn. Harassment can occur if someone's conduct is reasonably offensive to someone else, even if it was not meant to be. Therefore, when an individual in the community is impacted by language or actions, the School will initiate the restorative process which seeks to promote honesty, accountability, safety, and respect, the tenets of the OES Honor Code.

As part of the commitment to the OES Commitment to Justice and to ensure an equitable learning environment for all, we strictly prohibit the verbal, written, or digital use of words that are rooted in a history of oppression (including, but not limited to, the n-word and the fa-word) by any member of the OES community in any circumstance. Course materials and discussions of events in our world, past and present, will sometimes focus on mature and difficult subjects, such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression. It is sometimes the case that the work we read expresses views or uses language that is offensive. We will strive to use these moments as opportunities for critical reflection and thinking, as well as identifying ways we can work towards justice. In such moments, it is important to respect the range of emotions we might feel in response: anger, fear, discomfort, anxiety, confusion, sadness, shame. We do not use the n-word, ch-word, fa-word, or any other words that have been used to marginalize, dehumanize, or harm others in academic or social conversations or in writing. We will examine the evolving language that individual groups have used toward the project of positive self-definition while also looking at how language has been used to marginalize and diminish specific identities..

Any incidents involving sexual or any other harassment, racial, religious, or ethnic intolerance, physical injuries or threats, and fighting will be dealt with as disciplinary matters. Furthermore, the OES community does not tolerate humiliating or potentially harmful “rites of passage” or “initiations.” These will also be dealt with as violations of our student expectations. See our Harassment Prevention Policy (including bullying and hazing) below for additional details of our expectations and how to report concerns.

OES holds students and employees accountable if they engage in bullying, hazing, or harassment. Such behavior can come in many forms, including the following verbal, written, and online examples:

- Use of the n-word.
- Comments or “jokes” of a harassing or intimidating nature.
- Comments that make fun of, alienate, stereotype, or demean another based on racial, religious, gender, or sexual identity, class, sexual preference or any other identifiers.
- Verbal or online comments that demean or call attention to an individual's body or other personal characteristics.

- Display or transmission of pictures, emails, texts or other written or visual items that are degrading to others, regardless of consent.
- Any conduct, coercion, or intimidation used as initiation into an organization or group that endangers the physical or emotional health of any student, employee, or other member of the OES community, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

## **THREATS OF VIOLENCE**

Students are expressly prohibited from making any threats of violence or physical harm—either verbal or non-verbal—to others. This includes actual threats to engage in acts that cause or are likely to cause physical injury to another member of the school community, whether serious or made in jest but reasonably perceived to be serious. It also includes implied threats of violence. For example, it includes the following statements: "I am going to kill you," "I am going to hurt you," "You should be scared," or "I am coming after you." Or even, in certain circumstances, "I am going to be watching you."

## **PHYSICAL INJURY**

Students are expected to treat one another with respect and care and not cause physical harm to others. This includes intentional or reckless acts that cause or are likely to cause physical injury to another member of the school community.

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students are expected to do their own work. By placing their name on a piece of work, students assert that the work is entirely their own and that any ideas and language taken from others are properly cited. OES understands that students are at different developmental levels during their tenure at the school, and each division has its own methods of handling academic dishonesty. Nevertheless, OES expects that each student will work to understand the complexity and importance of and commit to the highest standards of academic honesty. The Middle and Upper School Handbooks contain more specific descriptions regarding the expectations of this policy.

## **ILLEGAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

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### **ALCOHOL, NICOTINE, AND OTHER DRUGS**

The mission of OES's alcohol, nicotine, and other drug education programs is to create and sustain a culture which, from its youngest members to its adults, supports and encourages non-use for students and safe, responsible, and legal use by adults; instills lifelong compassion and responsibility for self and others; creates awareness of health, safety, and accountability issues through comprehensive and age-appropriate education; continually evaluates the wellness of the community; and provides help for those whose health or well-being is at risk.

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to use alcohol, illegal drugs, or marijuana, all of which pose serious risks to physical and mental health and interfere with a



student's ability to learn. It is also illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to buy or obtain tobacco, nicotine products, or other inhalant delivery systems (including non-tobacco inhalant products). Students may not possess, use, distribute, sell, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances (including marijuana), tobacco, nicotine products, or other inhalant delivery systems during school hours or at school events. This includes vaping. Furthermore, students may not be in possession of drug paraphernalia of any kind on school property or at school events.

Students who seek help to address their or others' alcohol, nicotine, or other drug use will be supported by our counseling and health team. Seeking health care for substance use demonstrates responsible behavior. Students still must comply with school expectations regarding alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs while receiving assistance. If a violation is confirmed before or after the student requests assistance, the student's behavior will be addressed through the student conduct process which could result in suspension or dismissal or removal from clubs, organizations, or activities.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

It is illegal and not safe to misuse or misappropriate prescription drugs. Misuse includes either taking a prescription drug or being in possession of a prescription drug that has been prescribed for a different person. Misappropriation includes acquiring drugs from any source other than a student's healthcare provider or medical professional. It includes cases when a student provides prescription drugs to another student, even if for a legitimate medical issue (e.g. pain). Misuse can also include students taking their own prescription drugs in a manner or dosage that is not intended by the prescribing physician. Taking over-the-counter medications for non-medical use or supplying it to other students is also strictly prohibited. Students involved in the misuse or misappropriation of prescription drugs will face consequences, up to and including dismissal.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

No student may have an open flame; use a match or a lighter; burn candles of any kind; light incense; or use any device that produces a flame. Exceptions will be made for educational purposes when the students are under supervision of instructors. OES may confiscate objects in violation of this rule and may also notify the student's parent/guardian.

## **THEFT AND VANDALISM**

Students should not take, borrow, and otherwise use another person's property without their permission. Vandalism—which includes defacing and/or destroying any school property or another person's personal property—is prohibited. Students who engage in vandalism or theft will face consequences, up to and including dismissal. If appropriate, OES may notify law enforcement. Students should use good judgment in protecting their possessions and information by keeping all personal belongings in lockers (for Middle and Upper School students) and making sure that electronic device passwords are secure and private.

Any other persistent, disruptive, or abusive conduct that unreasonably deprives other students of a safe or respectful learning environment is expressly prohibited. This

could include any behavior intended to or simply having the effect of making someone else unreasonably embarrassed, hurt, socially alienated, or excluded.

## **CONSEQUENCES AND SCHOOL RESPONSE**

The overall purpose of Major School Rules is to provide a common understanding and to create a safe and inclusive learning environment. When individuals or groups cross a boundary and jeopardize the well-being of other students intentionally or unintentionally, they are subject to discipline. As noted above, OES is dedicated to using Restorative Practice to help students learn from their mistakes and acknowledge the impact of their actions on others.

The school response will be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on the age of the student, the severity of the offense, and the student's history at OES. The consequences can range from a warning or probation to suspension or dismissal. The school reserves the right to take interim measures during the pendency of an investigation. OES does not permit attorneys to attend student interviews.

As a general rule, the Division Head, in consultation with the Head of School, will make decisions regarding violations of the above-stated Major School Rules.

## **HARASSMENT, BULLYING & HAZING PREVENTION POLICY**

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OES is committed to providing a place where our students and employees can thrive. It is in the best interest of each individual and the school that we dedicate ourselves to creating an educational environment that promotes respect, dignity, and inclusion and that is free from all forms of harassment, exploitation, intimidation, illegal discrimination, and retaliation. These behaviors are demeaning to all persons involved; they are unacceptable conduct, and will not be tolerated.

This policy applies to all OES students. OES expects all students, employees, and members of the school community to conduct themselves in an appropriate and professional manner, with respect for the personal dignity of fellow students, employees and visitors. Students, employees and visitors come to OES from many different backgrounds and cultures, including different races, religions, sexual orientations, and ethnic ancestries. The school encourages its members to seek to understand the differences and similarities among us and to appreciate the richness that such diversity provides to an educational community. Respect and understanding of the differences among people are important dimensions of education that continue throughout a lifetime.

All students and employees at OES are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free of all forms of harassment, including bullying and hazing. Harassment of any member of the school community by any other member of the school community or visitor to campus will not be tolerated. Harassment of any kind, whether intended or not, is prohibited in our community. This policy applies to persons who are on or immediately adjacent to the school campus, at any school activity or program, or off campus but acting toward another student in a manner that creates a hostile environment for that student while at school or at a school activity or program. Please note that conduct that occurs off-campus but impacts a student's educational environment is subject to this policy.

Anyone with a concern about harassment or retaliation should follow the procedures set forth under “What to Do If You Believe You Have Witnessed or Been Subjected to Harassment.”

## DEFINITIONS

- **Harassment** refers to unwelcome conduct or behavior that is personally offensive or threatening and that has the effect of impairing morale or a student’s or employee’s emotional well-being, interfering with a student’s academic performance or participation in a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity, or which has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive learning or social environment. Harassment includes intimidation, bullying and cyberbullying.
  - “Cyberbullying” means the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully.
  - “Harassment, intimidation or bullying” means any act that:
    - Substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities, or performance;
    - Takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop;
    - Has the effect of:
      - Physically harming a student or damaging a student’s property;
      - Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student’s property; or
      - Creating a hostile educational environment, including interfering with the psychological well-being of a student; and
      - May be based on, but not be limited to, the protected class status of a person.
- **Sexual Harassment** includes unwelcome sexual advances (either verbal or physical), demands or requests for sexual favors in exchange for benefits, and other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature (verbal, nonverbal or physical) which affects a student’s or employee’s emotional well-being, interferes with a student’s academic performance or participation in co-curricular or extra-curricular programs or activities, or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.

Sexual harassment can include any unwelcome verbal, written or physical conduct that is directed at or related to a person’s gender and that interferes with a person’s learning or social environment. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual gossip or personal comments of a sexual nature about someone’s clothing, body, or conduct;
- Sexually suggestive or foul language;
- Sexual or lewd jokes;



- Intimidating or suggestive remarks about an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, whether actual or perceived;
- Whistling, leering, catcalling, or making other suggestive or insulting sounds, gestures or comments;
- Spreading rumors or lies of a sexual nature about someone;
- Making obscene, demeaning, or abusive comments about an individual's body or other personal characteristics;
- Obscene or sexually suggestive graffiti;
- Displaying or sending of sexually offensive or pornographic messages, pictures, or objects;
- Audiotaping, videotaping, or otherwise recording individuals in sexual or other potentially embarrassing situations and/or forwarding or threatening to forward the recorded material to others;
- Offensive or unwelcome sexual flirtation or advances;
- Offensive or unwelcome touching, pinching, grabbing, kissing or hugging;
- Demanding sexual favors or forcing sexual activity;
- Stalking;
- Restraining someone's movement in a sexual way; and
- Physical assault, including rape or any coerced or otherwise non-consensual sexual relations.
- Our sexual harassment policy applies to:
  - Sexual harassment of students by employees and other students;
  - Sexual harassment of employees by students and other employees; and
  - Sexual harassment of persons who are (a) on or immediately adjacent to school grounds; (b) at any school-sponsored activity or programs; or (c) off school property if a student or employee acts towards the person in a manner that creates a hostile environment for the person while at school or at a school-sponsored activity or program.
- **Sexual Misconduct by an OES Employee:** It is a violation of this policy for any member of the faculty, administration, or staff, or any adult volunteer, contractor, or OES agent, to make sexual advances toward or engage in sexual conduct with a student. Any and all sexual advances or conduct between students and adults associated with OES is strictly prohibited and will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- **Harassment Other than Sexual Harassment:** Examples of non-sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:
  - Use of the n-word;
  - Conduct or comments that threaten physical violence;
  - Offensive, unsolicited remarks such as slurs, jokes, and bigoted statements and questions;
  - Unwelcome gestures or physical contact;
  - Display or circulation of pictures, emails, texts, other written materials, items, or pictures degrading to anyone due to their gender, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, or other legally protected status; and

- Verbal abuse or insults about or directed to any student, employee, or group thereof because of their relationship to any of the groups listed above.
- **Racial, Color, and National Origin Harassment** is on the basis of a person's race, color, or national origin and includes, but is not limited to, the use of nicknames emphasizing racial stereotypes; racial slurs; and derogatory comments or conduct directed at an individual's manner of speaking, national customs, surname, ethnic characteristics, or language.
- **Religious Harassment** is on the basis of a person's religion or creed and includes, but is not limited to, the use of nicknames emphasizing religious stereotypes; religious slurs; and derogatory comments or conduct directed at an individual's religion, religious traditions, religious practices, religious symbols, or religious clothing.
- **Sexual Orientation Harassment** is on the basis of a person's sexual orientation and includes, but is not limited to, name calling, using nicknames emphasizing sexual stereotypes, and imitating physical characteristics or mannerisms associated with a person's sexual orientation.
- **Disability Harassment** is based on a person's physical and/or mental disability and includes, but is not limited to, name calling, making derogatory references to the disabling condition, imitating manners of speech and/or movement associated with the disability, or interfering with access to or use of necessary adaptive equipment or aides.
- **Microaggressions:** Even statements and behaviors that are not intentionally hostile or physically threatening can be harmful and as damaging as explicit aggression. Though actions and comments that hurt other students or employees are not always overt or intentional, OES community members are expected to hold themselves and each other accountable for a negative impact on another student or group, regardless of whether the negative impact was intended or not. While mistakes and times of discomfort are a part of the learning process, when such incidents occur, each division will apply its policies and procedures in an age-appropriate manner to help students understand impact and restore relationships. Persistent incidents of this kind will be considered acts of bullying, hazing, and/or harassment.

### ***What to do if you believe you have witnessed or been subjected to harassment***

OES seeks to achieve a welcoming and respectful school environment free of hostility, intimidation, and harassment, including sexual harassment. A student who has concerns should follow the guidelines described below.

- **Seeking Advice:** At any time, students are encouraged to consult their advisor, counselor, a dean, or the division head to make them aware of concerns and to seek advice.
- **Direct Communication:** If you feel that you (or someone you know) has been the target of harassment, or that someone is acting or speaking inappropriately and is making you (or someone you know) feel uncomfortable

and/or angry, and if you feel comfortable and safe doing so, you can approach the individual to express your concerns honestly and directly and to request an end to the conduct.

- **Formal Complaint:** If direct communication does not resolve the problem or you choose not to approach the individual directly, you may also initiate a formal complaint about the incident. Students should report a complaint, preferably in writing, to their advisor, assistant head, or their division head. Those who wish to file a complaint are also encouraged to contact the Chair of the OES Audit Committee (the "Chair") verbally or in writing. The Chair can be reached via email at [confidential@oes.edu](mailto:confidential@oes.edu).

## THE SCHOOL'S COMPLAINT PROCESS

If OES receives a complaint of harassment, or otherwise has reason to believe that harassment may have occurred, it will take steps to ensure that the matter is promptly investigated and addressed by the Head of School and/or their designee. Even if the student does not wish to formally file a complaint, OES may still take action if it learns of potential harassment.

Students are expected to cooperate fully in an investigation conducted by the school. OES does not permit attorneys to attend student interviews. OES will maintain confidentiality of complaints to the extent possible without compromising the school's obligation to investigate fully and take appropriate responsive action. OES cannot guarantee total confidentiality to anyone involved in the investigation.

The school reserves the right to take interim measures during the pendency of an investigation. These measures could include but are not limited to increased supervision, stay-away or no-contact orders, changes to students' schedules, or removal from being physically present in class or extracurriculars.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate OES's harassment policy will not adversely affect the educational assignments or study environment of the student. If a student initiates a complaint, that student (and, if appropriate, the student's parents) will be notified when the investigation is concluded, and told whether a violation of the policy was found to have occurred, to the extent allowable under student confidentiality laws.

## PROTECTION AGAINST RETALIATION

Retaliation is a violation of this policy. Retaliation is any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment directed against a student who in good faith reports harassment, provides information during an investigation of such behaviors, or witnesses or has reliable information about such behavior. By way of example, retaliation can occur when peers of a student accused of harassment learn of the complaint and then mistreat the individual who made the complaint or other individuals who support the complainant. OES will not tolerate this inappropriate retaliatory behavior. Any student with a concern of retaliation should immediately bring it to the attention of their advisor, a dean, or the division head. Retaliation against any individual for reporting harassment, for participating in the investigations, or for supporting a student who has made a good faith complaint is a violation of school policy.

Students who engage in retaliation will be subject to consequences, up to and including dismissal.

## **SCHOOL RESPONSE**

Any individual who violates this policy by engaging in harassment, discrimination, or retaliation will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Some forms of harassment may be severe enough to be a violation of criminal law and/or be covered by mandatory reporting obligations, and may need to be reported to legal authorities. OES may respond to a student or employee's inappropriate conduct even if it does not meet the legal definition of unlawful harassment.

## **TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

Teen dating violence is unacceptable conduct that is strictly prohibited at OES.

"Teen dating violence" means

- A pattern of behavior in which a person uses or threatens to use physical, mental or emotional abuse to control another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age; or
- Behavior by which a person uses or threatens to use sexual violence against another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age.

"Dating or dating relationship" means

- an ongoing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature between two persons. It does not include a casual relationship or ordinary fraternization between two persons in a business or social context.

Students should report any incidents of teen dating violence to a trusted adult on the OES campus. OES employees are required to report to their department or division head any incidents of teen dating violence that take place at OES on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation. If the employee is aware of any other teen dating violence that takes place off-campus, this too should be brought to the department or division head's attention.

When a report of teen dating violence is received, OES will coordinate efforts to take actions necessary to ensure the student is protected and to promote a non-hostile learning environment by (1) providing resources for support measures to the student, and (2) taking all actions necessary to remove any potential future negative impact on the student.

OES provides age-appropriate education about teen dating violence for students in the Middle and Upper Schools. Likewise, school employees will receive annual training on the topic of teen dating violence.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY A STUDENT**

OES promotes a "consent culture" – that is, a culture in which healthy relationships, respecting boundaries, and practicing consent are consistent social norms expected

and understood at our school. Should a student violate our consent culture, their conduct will be addressed.

Sexual assault is unlawful and strictly prohibited at OES. Sexual assault is when sexual contact occurs without a student's consent because the student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is unconscious, or is pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats.

Any act of sexual misconduct by a student is similarly prohibited at OES. Acts of sexual misconduct include, but are not limited to, causing another to engage in involuntary sexual acts; sexual exhibitionism; stalking; peeping or other voyeurism; non-consensual video or audiotaping of sexual activity; causing or trying to cause the incapacitation of another with the intent of initiating sexual activity with or upon that person after incapacitation, regardless of whether sexual activity actually takes place.

Any student who is a victim of sexual assault or sexual misconduct should seek help immediately and report the incident to a trusted adult in the school community, including their advisor, a counselor, a medical professional, assistant head, or any division head.

Students should call 911 if they need or witness a need for immediate police and/or medical attention.

Students should report sexual assault or sexual misconduct to a trusted adult at OES. If the student making the report was engaged in conduct that violates OES's policies at the time of the incident being reported (for example, the student was using drugs or alcohol at an off-campus party), the school will give that student "amnesty" and not discipline the student who makes the report or causes the report to be made, provided the drug and alcohol policy violation is discovered as a result of the report and the reporting student did not contribute to the incident (for example, by giving 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). The same amnesty will be applied to students who participate in an investigation.

Reports of sexual assault and sexual misconduct are carefully investigated. If OES has reasonable belief that a crime may have been committed, the school will promptly notify law enforcement (and DHS if the conduct involves potential sexual abuse of a student under 18). Law enforcement typically does its own investigation and typically does not want the school to be concurrently investigating. The school will not proceed with its own investigation until it has the local authorities' approval to do so. OES's investigation is separate from any investigation that might be conducted by the local authorities.

Provided OES can continue with its investigation, the school will typically engage the services of a neutral investigator with experience in trauma-informed investigations to gather information about the allegations and generate findings. The school's investigation could involve separate interviews of the affected students and any witnesses, as well as a review of any evidence (such as hard-copy or electronic communications between the students or their peers before or after the incident). The investigator will help determine if any school policies have been violated using a



preponderance of the evidence standard (meaning there is a greater than 50% chance, based on the evidence). The investigation will typically be overseen by the Head of School and the school's legal counsel.

OES encourages all affected students to participate and cooperate in its investigation process. The school will not force a student who has experienced sexual assault or abuse to participate in an investigation. The school will to the best of its ability conduct an investigation, regardless of the survivor's participation. (If the student does not participate, however, it could inhibit OES's ability to conduct a thorough investigation.) Any student accused of sexual assault or abuse must participate in the investigation or will be asked to leave OES.

If a student initiates a complaint, that student and their parents will be notified when the investigation is initiated and concluded. The student will also be informed whether a violation of any policies was found to have occurred, to the extent allowable under state and federal student confidentiality laws. (Privacy rights generally restrict the school from being able to discuss a student's disciplinary record with another student.) A summary of findings may be provided to the reporting or responding party, upon request. Disciplinary action will be taken against a student who violates school policies.

Independent of action taken by non-school authorities, the immediate focus of OES is to support all students, including medical and psychological support as necessary. Upon learning of a alleged sexual assault or act of sexual misconduct, OES will take actions that reinforce the safety and security of the entire campus community.

### **A NOTE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY**

Sexual assault is an act of violence and is a crime in the state of Oregon. School employees have an obligation to report suspected sexual, physical, and/or psychological abuse pursuant to mandatory child abuse reporting laws; sexual assault is a form of sexual abuse. Employees are not permitted to maintain total confidentiality to a student (or parent or other adult) who informs the employee of an allegation of sexual assault or sexual misconduct if the allegation causes the employee to have a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse of a student under 18, which the employee has a duty to report.

Reports of sexual assault or misconduct will be kept confidential to the extent possible. Students who make a report to the school may request that the school keep their identity confidential and their name out of any investigation. Both the student making the report and the student accused of misconduct usually have a keen interest in maintaining confidentiality of an investigation, and the school respects that interest.

Although OES makes reasonable efforts to comply with requests for confidentiality, it cannot guarantee that the school community (or certain members thereof) will not find out the identity of the individual who has made a report, or the student accused of misconduct.

If the school determines that steps must be taken to protect any students on campus, the school may use information from the report or the investigation to take intermediate steps to prevent further harm.

## CHILD ABUSE & EDUCATOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING POLICY

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Oregon Episcopal School does not tolerate, and unequivocally opposes, any form of child abuse or neglect. OES follows all of Oregon's laws regarding prevention, identification, and mandatory reporting of child abuse and sexual misconduct by school employees (see ORS Chapter 419B and ORS Chapter 339). These laws require that any employee having reasonable cause to believe that a child (that is, a person under the age of 18) has suffered abuse, a person has abused a child, or a school employee has engaged in sexual misconduct with a student, must report or cause a report to be made to the appropriate authorities (for abuse or neglect) or to the Head of School (for sexual misconduct). A suspicion of abuse or misconduct is all that is necessary to report.

The purpose of this Child Abuse Policy is to ensure the safety of our students. The policy is congruent with the OES Mission Statement and in full compliance with Oregon laws regarding prevention, identification, and reporting of child abuse and sexual misconduct by school employees.

Oregon's child abuse mandatory reporting laws define abuse as follows:

- Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.
- Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child's mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child.
- Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration, and incest, as those acts are described in ORS chapter 163.
- Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.
- Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to: (i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS chapter 163, and any other conduct which allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces, or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording, or other exhibition which, in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct which is part of any investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or which is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and (ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.
- Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

- Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.
- Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS 163.537.
- Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.
- Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as defined in ORS 475B.015, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or safety.

All employees of Oregon Episcopal School are mandatory reporters. They are required by law to report suspected child abuse. All employees are also required by law to report suspected sexual *misconduct* by any OES employee that does not rise to suspected sexual abuse to the Head of School, who will then make a report to the appropriate government agency.

Any school employee who suspects abuse or misconduct of any kind should immediately report it to their division head division counselor, and the Head of School. The division counselor can promptly assist the reporting employee to properly document the report and cause any report of abuse or neglect to be made to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), also known as Child Protective Services (CPS). The counselor will also document and notify the Head of School of all reports made to DHS, to the extent the Head is not already aware. Copies of the current mandatory reporting laws, as well as addresses and telephone numbers for DHS and other law enforcement agencies, are on file with the Office of the Head of School, all division heads, all supervisors, the medical professional, and all counselors.

Due to reporting requirements, a member of the faculty or staff is not permitted to maintain total confidentiality to a student (or parent or other adult) who informs the employee of a concern of child abuse or sexual misconduct if the concern leads the employee to believe the information should be reported.

Training on the prevention and identification of abuse and sexual misconduct, as well as the employees' reporting obligations, is provided on an annual basis for all OES school personnel. Separate training is also available for parents and/or guardians of OES students, and the students themselves (in an age-appropriate manner).

Any student who believes they have been abused by someone in the OES community or outside of it should seek out a trusted OES adult (advisor, teacher, counselor, chaplain, coach, assistant head, division head, Head of School, etc.) immediately, so that person may ensure your safety. OES will not discipline a student for initiating a report in good faith about suspected abuse or sexual misconduct.

Independent of action taken to notify the appropriate authorities, the immediate focus of OES is to support any affected student, including medical and psychological support as necessary.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING**

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OES does not tolerate domestic violence. "Domestic violence" means the following abuse between family and household members:



- Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury;
- Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury; and
- Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.

Students are encouraged to talk to a trusted adult at OES if they have any concerns about domestic violence in their household or another student's household.

Employees are expected to report any suspicions of domestic violence to their department or division head. The school will then coordinate efforts to take any action necessary to ensure the affected student is safe and protected.

OES will provide age-appropriate education to its Middle and Upper School students on the prevention and recognition of, and reporting requirements for, domestic violence. Likewise, school employees will receive annual training on the topic of domestic violence.

### **Jurisdiction over Out-of-School Conduct**

Students should be aware that certain activities, even outside of school hours and/or off school property, may result in a response by the school, up to and including suspension and dismissal. Students may be subject to consequences for conduct which is, or may be, disruptive of the educational process, interferes with the work of the school, is contrary to the mission of the school, impinges on the rights of others in our community, or has a direct or immediate effect on the safety or welfare of students or other members of the school community. The student may be subject to consequences even if such conduct takes place off campus, during non-school hours, or on breaks from school. Note that this includes electronic communications, which could subject the student to consequences even if the communications are made outside of school, on or off the school's network, when using OES technology or privately-owned personal devices and/or personal social media accounts.

### **Investigations**

With very limited exceptions, students are expected to cooperate fully in investigations conducted by the school. If a student refuses to participate or cooperate at any stage of an investigation for whatever reason, including but not limited to pending criminal charges, the school reserves the right to take action, including proceeding without a statement from the student, asking the student to leave school while the investigation is underway, or requiring the student to withdraw from the school. OES's obligation to report a crime (such as a sex crime or other abuse subject to the mandatory child abuse reporting laws) does not end if the student withdraws. The school reserves the right to confiscate a student's cell phone if it is used in ways that violate major school rules and/or if the school reasonably believes that it contains inappropriate images or texts that could violate Oregon law.

### **Learning from Others' Mistakes**

The school reserves the right to discuss at a school meeting the results of a disciplinary process or an investigation for purposes of transparency and/or furthering the educational and learning experience of the school community.

## **Attendance Policy**

An important and necessary life skill for students is to be on time and to be responsible for their commitments. Regular and punctual attendance is critical to student success and is expected of all students. As partners in your child's education, it is essential for parents to support and reinforce punctuality and daily attendance. Arriving a few minutes early to greet one's friends and put away belongings is considered respectful practice, as late arrivals can disrupt their own learning and that of others.

## **Stay on Campus**

Students in pre-kindergarten to grade 11 may not leave campus during the school day, which ends at various times in each division and no later than 3:15 p.m, unless a parent notifies the division Attendance Office in the Veracross Parent Portal. Any student who leaves campus must sign out in the divisional office / appropriate area before leaving campus and must check back in upon return. For grade 12 student rules, please see [Off Campus Privileges](#).

## **Planned Student Absences**

Although students are best served by being present in class during the entire duration of the term, there are situations when a student experiences an absence from school. Please refer to divisional sections for attendance policies.

## **Emergency/Health-Related Absences**

If a student must miss school because of an illness or injury, doctor's appointment, or emergency, the parent/guardian should use the Veracross Parent Portal or, if necessary, notify the Administrative Assistant in the appropriate division as soon as possible, ideally before the beginning of classes.

## **Unexcused Absences and Tardiness**

OES students are expected to attend every class, unless they have made prior arrangements or cannot attend due to an emergency or a health issue. Students are also expected to be punctual, recognizing that arriving late to school or to an individual class can be disruptive to the student's learning and to others. Persistent and unexcused tardiness may result in a formal review of a student's attendance and academic record and could include probationary status, loss of course credit, or withholding of a re-enrollment contract for the following year.

OES will work with families whose students must miss a significant amount of school. However, non-health-related absences in excess of ten (10) full days that are not pre-approved and excused by the School may warrant a full review of a student's attendance and overall academic record to determine appropriate next steps, up to and including probationary status, loss of course credit, or withholding of the re-enrollment contract for the following year.

## **Vacations**

OES has a generous vacation schedule and the dates of school vacations are posted well ahead of time on the website. Families are expected to plan vacations within the official school vacation dates posted on the [All-School Calendar](#).

## **After-School Event Participation**

Students who have afternoon or evening commitments with OES, such as athletics, arts (music, theater, etc.), and/or other extra-curricular activities, must be in school all day in order to participate, except under unusual circumstances and with the approval of the division head, Athletic Director, or other program director.

# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## OES FOOD AND ALLERGY POLICY

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OES recognizes that food allergies, in some instances, may be severe and even occasionally life-threatening. The foods most likely to cause allergic reactions are peanuts, tree nuts, dairy products, eggs, soy, wheat, fish, sesame, and shellfish. Although many food allergies produce symptoms that are relatively minor, persons with allergies to the above-listed foods can suffer more serious consequences. OES has created this policy to reduce the likelihood of severe allergic reactions of students with known food allergies while at school.

OES is an “allergy aware” school. As such, the school will monitor food ingredients for peanut or nut products in an attempt to avoid serving foods with these ingredients in the dining halls during the school day hours.

Parents must submit written protocols on an annual basis for students with food allergies. These protocols should identify the potential allergens and include instructions for treatment, if needed, for accidental exposure. The school medical professional will work with parents to implement reasonable protocols submitted by parents. Such information is stored confidentially in the school’s Magnus system.

Information pertaining to a student's allergies will be handled confidentially by the medical professional, and with priority for student safety. As such, information will be shared with the Director of Food Services, as well as appropriate individuals within the student’s division:

- Lower School: The Lower School Office, Classroom Teacher, and Lower School Specialists.
- Middle School: The Middle School Office, Classroom teachers, and the student’s advisor.
- Upper School: The Upper School Office and the student’s advisor.
- For any student activity taking place off campus, the trip leader will be apprised of any allergies within the trip group.
- OES will work with the contracted food service company to reduce the likelihood that peanuts, tree nuts, or nut oil products are served during school hours.
- All other foods served in the dining halls that may include other allergens such as dairy, egg, soy, wheat, fish, or shellfish will be labeled by the contracted food service company.
- The contracted food service company may choose, at its discretion, appropriate vendors for food, but will not use foods that specifically list nut or peanut products on the ingredient label. (Parents and students may obtain lists of ingredients for any food served by contacting the food service company’s general manager.)
- OES will provide anaphylaxis education through on-line training, as well as through the required CPR/First Aid training for all employees.
- Students will provide their own emergency medications for school.

- OES will keep epinephrine on campus and in field trip first aid kits for treatment of an anaphylactic response.
- OES will work with its contracted food service company to provide a variety of food in the dining hall that all students may enjoy.
- In the case of a student with multiple or unusual allergies, OES may require the student/family to provide the student's lunch and snacks to ensure safety.
- OES will not sell nut products in school-sanctioned stores or vending machines.
- OES will request that parents not send snacks to school that contain peanuts, tree nuts, or nut oil products.
- OES will request that parents not send foods that contain peanut or nut products on OES bus trips.

*Please Note:* OES will attempt to avoid serving food with nuts, but cannot guarantee that products with nuts will never be present at OES. Likewise, OES cannot monitor all food brought to campus for personal consumption outside of the dining halls.

OES cannot monitor all products sold at athletic events or special student sales (such as bake sales), products brought for potlucks or celebrations, or food served on off-campus trips. Therefore, persons with severe food allergies must carefully monitor their food in these situations.

### **Family/Student Responsibility**

- Parents of students with allergies will submit to school medical professionals' protocols designed to identify and treat a reaction if an exposure occurs.
- Parents of students with life-threatening allergies must provide OES with emergency medications along with the written emergency protocol if an exposure occurs. The medical professional will maintain the medication and information.
- Parents are responsible for educating their child (as age-appropriate) about managing the child's allergy at school, including, but not limited to, identifying safe foods by reviewing the weekly lunch menu together, and contacting the food service company's general manager for ingredient listings.
- The medical professional is available to offer educational resources to parents regarding allergy management.

If parents are uncertain about possible exposure to allergy-causing foods, they should contact the food service company's general manager for suggestions of alternative safe foods served.

*Please Note:* OES is committed to student safety and, therefore, has created this policy to reduce the risk that children with allergies will have an allergy-related event. However, OES cannot guarantee that a student will never experience an allergy-related event while at school.

### **School Lunch**

Our on-site food service company, Bon Appétit, provides a nutritious, well-balanced lunch to all students daily. Meals are served in the Lower School Common Hall for

Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, Primary, Grades 1 and 2, and in the Main Dining Hall for grades 3 through 12. Menus are published weekly at [oes.cafebonappetit.com](https://oes.cafebonappetit.com).

Parents of children on a restricted diet may contact the on-site Bon Appétit General Manager to discuss problems or particular requirements. Students may bring their own food only with written permission from a parent and the child's physician.

### **Food from Home**

Due to the risk of foodborne illnesses and the potential for allergic reactions, the Washington County Health Department strongly discourages homemade foods being served in a school setting. For students' birthdays and other occasions, parents are asked to communicate plans with their child's teacher/advisor. If food is provided by parents for these occasions, it should be store-bought. Occasionally, there will be a classroom activity that involves students preparing foods under the supervision of a teacher. Teachers are instructed regarding safe food handling procedures.

*Please Note:* Oregon Episcopal School is an "allergy aware" campus, meaning that nuts and nut products are not allowed in classroom or dining hall areas.

### **Emergency Forms**

The School requires every family to maintain current emergency information via the Veracross Parent Portal. In addition, before participating in any practice or game, student-athletes must have on record a current physical examination and completed Magnus Health forms.

### **Student Physicals**

OES students entering Grades K, 7, 9, and 11, or new to OES, are required to have a physical and a sports pre-participation form completed by parents and the student's physician before school begins in the fall. You can find all required forms in the Magnus Health portal. Your child cannot participate in any OES activities, including sports, practices, and opening trips, without completing this form. OSAA guidelines require that this form be used.

If applicable, please update your student's allergy, asthma, diabetes, and seizure action plans inside the Magnus health portal.

### **Immunization Records**

Required immunizations, including the Tdap Booster vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine (or exemption request), if applicable, must be on record with the school. If there are updates to your student's immunization record, please update as needed in the Magnus Health portal.

### **Medications at School**

Parents and students are required to provide the school with a list of all medications that the student currently takes, including prescription and nonprescription medication. School policy prohibits students from possessing or self-administering any medication while on campus or while on off-campus trips; exceptions may be made for emergency medications such as asthma inhalers,



epinephrine auto-injectors, or insulin. In the case of a student who may require such medications, parents and students should consult with the medical professional to develop appropriate protocols. During the enrollment process, families complete a form giving permission for approved staff to administer specific over-the-counter medications. Students who receive over-the-counter medication while at school must ingest it in the presence of the staff member administering the medication. Self-administration of medication (e.g. inhalers, epinephrine autoinjectors) on campus or on school trips is approved on a case-by-case basis. Families can complete the required forms in Magnus and email [health@oes.edu](mailto:health@oes.edu) with any questions.

- Prescribed medications or additional over-the-counter medications must be in the original containers with the prescription or manufacturer's label attached.
- Sharing of medication is prohibited and will be considered a violation of the school rules.
- Students may not self-administer prescription medicines for pain, psychiatric medicines, or medications used in the treatment of learning disorders while at school. If doses are needed at school or while on an OES trip, these medications must be checked in with the medical professional or trip leader. The medical professional will help develop a plan for convenient administration of medicine while at school.

Additional medication administration policies are required for Upper School students enrolled in the residential program; please see the Residential Life Section for details.

### ***Concussion Protocol***

A concussion is a traumatic injury to the brain that results in a temporary loss of normal function and manifests in symptoms such as fogginess, fatigue, or memory issues. OES follows standard OSAA protocols developed with information from Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), Center on Brain Injury Research and Training (CBIRT), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate school personnel, parents, and students about appropriate concussion management. This [OES Concussion Protocol](#) outlines school policy as it pertains to a return to academic learning as well as return to physical activity following a concussion. All athletic department staff, Physical Education teachers, and coaches are required to complete yearly training on procedures for managing sports-related concussions. Oregon law also mandates that student athletes who exhibit signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, or who have been diagnosed with a concussion, are not allowed to participate in any athletic event or training until a medical release is obtained.

# TECHNOLOGY

## OES COMPUTER USE POLICY

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OES offers each student and staff member access to the school's computer network. The following sections describe our philosophy and define what we consider acceptable and unacceptable uses of the network. This policy is subject to change as the network and computer services evolve.

### Philosophy

In order for OES to provide the best educational experience possible, we offer access to, and instruction in, the use of the electronic tools which make it possible to process and store information on OES computers and servers, and to communicate via the Internet. In addition to teaching the mechanics of these tools, we feel it is important that students discuss and understand their responsible and ethical use.

## NETWORK SERVICES POLICY

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OES considers student behavior in the "virtual" world of computers as directly equivalent to actions in the real world. Students who abuse network privileges by knowingly accessing other's files, for example, will be subject to the same consequences as if they had gone through another person's papers, locker, or desk. Taking or using other people's computer files without permission will be treated the same as theft or plagiarism. It is important to note that simply finding an opportunity to take such actions does not absolve responsibility for those actions, in the same way that finding an unlocked door does not mean that one is relieved of responsibility for unauthorized entry. We ask that all students respect the privacy of others' files and materials. Everyone must follow stated limits for file storage and occasionally wait for access to limited resources or peripherals.

## INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

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As with any other media (books, magazines, and other information), access to computers and the Internet can provide access to material that is inappropriate. OES has taken the following precautions to restrict access to objectionable materials:

OES informs all students about acceptable and unacceptable uses of the school network and the Internet, as defined in these sections. This is done directly in Lower School classes, in Middle School Technology classes, and during Technology Partnership Workshops for Middle and Upper School students and parents.

OES has installed software to exclude content that is unacceptable on our local area network. This software is installed between the Internet and our internal network.



## Internet Access Limitations

OES uses software that denies access to a list of Internet addresses known to contain material that is unacceptable. This software is normally effective in blocking access to pornographic and other inappropriate sites. This system is not foolproof, however, and sometimes sites are blocked that are not actually objectionable. Students and staff members are encouraged to let us know about blocked sites that should be accessible. We can quickly grant access to such sites.

OES Internet access also limits or prevents the use of many file sharing and on-line gaming software programs. While these programs may be considered acceptable at home, in school environments they can cause havoc with network reliability and stability. Although not always the case, Internet file sharing programs can lead to the exchange of copyrighted music and software, severe viruses, and inappropriate materials or actions that can lead to serious consequences.

Because technology and information on the Internet changes so rapidly, it is impossible to limit access to all objectionable materials or prevent all possible misuses. Industrious users may discover ways to access inappropriate sites or exchange copyrighted files. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on the Internet far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material or use online services that are not consistent with our educational goals. Additionally, these common issues strongly motivate us to address and discuss ethical and appropriate uses of technology, despite the ease or prevalence of misuse.

## Acceptable & Unacceptable Network Use

The use of the OES network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in revocation of those privileges, and may lead to additional consequences. OES network administrators reserve the right to close an account at any time if inappropriate use is suspected or in evidence. The administration, faculty, and staff of OES may also request that system administrators deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. Decisions in these matters will be guided, but not limited, to the list below.

The following is expected of all OES computer users:

- Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.
- Honor and protect the privacy of yourself and others (do not reveal passwords, home addresses, or phone numbers).
- Report any defects in system accounting or security to the network administrators.
- Do not use the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts.
- Do not use the network for financial or commercial purposes.
- Do not degrade or disrupt equipment or system performance.
- Do not vandalize the data of others.
- Do not waste finite computer resources.

- Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to information, resources, or entities.
- Do not invade the privacy of individuals.
- Do not use an account owned by another user.
- Do not forward personal communications without the author's consent.
- Do not post anonymous messages.
- Do not use the network to access or distribute objectionable or unacceptable materials. Objectionable and/or unacceptable material includes, but is not restricted to, the following:
  - Pornography (including sexting or sending physically-revealing images)
  - Violence
  - Hate
  - Racism
  - Harassment
  - Sexism
  - Exploitation
  - Information relating to the sale or acquisition of alcohol, nicotine, or other drugs

### **Acceptable & Unacceptable Email Use**

OES email accounts may not be used for the distribution of any literature, petitions or surveys, fundraising, or requests of support for any political, charitable, religious, or other cause, or for the sale of merchandise or raffle tickets, with the exception of school-sponsored programs. Mass distribution email (i.e., emails to all students or all employees) should only be used for the news and business of the School. It should not be used to promote personal causes or financial interests, or to forward chain emails or other attachments.

### **Computer Software Code of Ethics**

All students, teachers, and staff shall use software only in accordance with its license agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the license, any duplication of copyrighted software, except for backup and archival purposes, is a violation of the law. Any unauthorized duplication of copyrighted computer software violates the law and is contrary to OES standards of conduct. The following points are to be followed to comply with software license agreements:

- All software is to be used in accordance with its license agreements.
- No student, faculty, or staff member will make any unauthorized copies of any software under any circumstances.
- The school will not tolerate the use of any unauthorized copies of software at OES. Any person illegally reproducing software can be subject to civil and criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. OES does not condone illegal copying of software under any circumstances, and anyone who makes, uses, or otherwise acquires unauthorized software shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- All software used on OES computers will be properly purchased through appropriate procedures.

## **Laptops Brought from Home**

In the Lower School, permission is required before laptops can be brought from home. Students in grades 6 to 8 receive devices issued by OES. The Upper School requires students to bring a laptop to school.

For laptops brought from home, anti-virus software must be installed and consistently updated. The same should be done with operating systems, so that they are both protected from infection and unable to spread computer viruses and worms. Infected laptops brought from home that broadcast infections or spread infected files are a serious concern.

OES expects laptops brought from home to be used responsibly. Laptops should not be used as "entertainment centers"; distracting games, movies, and music are discouraged. The presence of inappropriate materials on laptops or other personal internet connected devices brought from home may lead to age-appropriate consequences as outlined in each divisional section of this Handbook.

## **Consequences**

Consequences for inappropriate use or abuse of computing resources or the Internet will be handled as disciplinary actions in each division. Please read the relevant sections in this Handbook.

## **Disclaimers**

Electronic mail (e-mail) and other files are not guaranteed to be private. OES reserves the right to monitor network usage, review information and files received or viewed by users, and review and disclose any information downloaded or messages sent or received on the school network. In summary, network administrators and school administration do have access to all mail and files stored on the school network and servers, and may review the same to ensure compliance with this and other school policies.

OES makes no warranties with respect to the school network and specifically disclaims responsibility for files or student work that is lost due to disk failure, viruses, Internet access interruption, and all other system failures. OES also disclaims responsibility for any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of OES.

OES believes that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. Be forewarned that OES does not have control of the information on the Internet. While our intent is to make the Internet accessible to further the School's educational goals and objectives, it is impossible to completely restrict access to objectionable materials. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive to some people.

OES makes no warranties with respect to the Internet, and we specifically disclaim responsibility for the content of any advice or information received by an OES network user from a source outside of OES, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice. OES also disclaims responsibility for any

costs, injuries, liability, or damages caused by the way the Internet is used by an OES computer user, or the manner in which other users may communicate or interact with the OES computer user.

## **LOANED EQUIPMENT POLICY**

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In order to enrich the educational experience of its students, Oregon Episcopal School purchases and maintains various types of equipment, including electronic devices such as cameras for use by faculty members and students. The school makes a significant investment in this equipment and strives to ensure that as many students and teachers as possible have access to the equipment when they need it. It is, therefore, imperative that community members use these devices with great care and take responsibility to see that they are returned on time and in the same condition in which they were borrowed.

Students who borrow equipment from OES libraries or other school departments will be held responsible for replacement or repair costs if the equipment is lost or damaged.

# OTHER POLICIES

## STUDENT INFORMATION & DECISION MAKING POLICY

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### Access to Student Records

OES respects its students' privacy and only allows access to individual student information in accordance with state and federal law. State and federal law grant a student's parents or other legal guardians equal access to their minor child's student records, unless a court order specifically cuts off such rights. Any court order cutting off parental rights should be provided to the appropriate division head. If a child's parent or legal guardian wishes to grant a third person (e.g., the student's step-parent) access to student records, the parent/guardian must provide OES with written authorization to share the records with the third party.

When a student reaches the age of 18, the rights accorded to parents/guardians and the consent required of them to allow access to education records transfer from the parents/guardians to the student. If the student remains a dependent for tax purposes, however, then OES may continue to disclose information from the student's education records to the parents/guardians of the student.

### Decision Making Regarding Students

State and federal laws grant a student's parents or other legal guardians' decision-making authority in matters concerning their child's education and welfare, so these persons may equally participate in decisions regarding their child's education and experience at OES, unless a court order specifically provides otherwise. Any court order cutting off parental rights should be provided to the appropriate division head. If a child's parent or legal guardian wishes to grant a third person (e.g., the student's stepparent) the authority to make decisions regarding their child's education or experience at OES, the parent or legal guardian must provide OES with a valid power of attorney or court order granting such authority to the third person.

When a student reaches the age of 18, OES will continue to communicate with the parents/guardians as if the student were still a minor, provided the student gives the school written consent. Parents/guardians remain financially responsible for the student's education at OES under the terms of the enrollment contract, regardless of the student turning 18 years of age.

## ADHERING TO OES BRAND POLICY

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Any use of the OES name and logo, including use of one of our Aardvark images, must be authorized prior to use. The independent creation of websites, social media accounts, videos, apparel, and printed materials meant for OES parents, students, or the public, is discouraged. If you believe you have a need to communicate in this way or create new OES-branded content, please contact the school's Marketing & Communications office to explain your project so we can use an already established

communications channel/process, or work together to create a new solution. Please contact [marketing@oes.edu](mailto:marketing@oes.edu).

## **GIFTS FOR EMPLOYEES POLICY**

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Our faculty and staff always welcome your kind words and personal appreciation of their efforts. We ask that families not give gifts of significant monetary value to individual employees. While we appreciate the high regard in which students and their families often hold their teachers and coaches, we believe that it is best for gifts to be a simple expression of thanks and affection. Therefore, we ask that gifts be restricted to inexpensive and/or handmade items. Alternatively, we suggest giving a book to the library in honor of, or in memory of, a teacher or coach, or you can designate your annual OES Fund contribution as a tribute gift.

## **FUNDRAISING FOR OES AND OTHER NONPROFITS POLICY**

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Prior written approval of the Office of Advancement is necessary before any individual or group solicitation of funds may be undertaken by any department, class, team, club, or individual on behalf of OES, its students, programs, constituencies, faculty, or other nonprofit organization. Student fundraising is generally discouraged, except through specific endeavors vetted, facilitated, and approved by the community engagement coordinator at each division. All associated materials must also be approved prior to their distribution.

## **DOGS ON CAMPUS POLICY**

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Dogs are not allowed in buildings, offices, or classrooms at OES. We ask visitors not to have dogs on campus at the beginning or end of the school day, even on a leash, and anywhere on the sidewalks near the Lower School. At other times, visitors, including parents, are welcome to bring dogs to the outside areas of campus on a leash, staying with the owner. The owner is responsible for cleaning up any waste. Service animals are allowed on campus, subject to prior notice whenever possible and in appropriate compliance with local, state and federal laws.

## **TUTORING POLICY**

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If a student begins to fall behind the normal progress of a given class, tutoring may be an appropriate option for families. However, tutoring should not be considered as an alternative to first seeking support from the student's teacher; rather, it should be viewed as a complement to the support of the classroom teacher, when necessary. It is important for families to disclose the use of tutors with the school so we can work in partnership with them in support of the student and to clarify boundaries to ensure the student's academic integrity.

The cost of tutoring is not included in regular tuition and is the responsibility of the family. Student support personnel, as well as faculty, can assist families in identifying appropriate tutors. *Except with permission of the Division Head*, the student's regular classroom teacher may not serve as the tutor. In no case will tutoring be arranged without the consent of the parent.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES

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Occasionally, snow or other weather conditions require closure or delayed opening of school. Decisions about whether to close school are based on conditions throughout the metropolitan area. The administration recognizes that conditions vary from place to place, so we encourage families to make travel decisions based on conditions in their neighborhood.

If school is closed for the day, or delayed, this decision will be posted on our website, as well as on broadcast media and social media by 6 a.m. Closure may take one of three forms:

- **No School:** School will resume the following day unless announced otherwise by the next morning.
- **Delayed Start:** If it appears that conditions will ease, school will convene two hours late. Please continue to monitor reports as unanticipated worsening of conditions may necessitate closure.
- **Early Closure:** Should safety-threatening conditions develop during the day, students will be sent home early. Parents of Lower and Middle School students will be notified by telephone, and students will be supervised at school until they are picked up. Please be sure that the school offices have all of your current contact numbers so you can be easily contacted in these situations. Upper School students will be responsible for making their own arrangements, but may stay at school until they can be picked up.
- **Closure Notification:** OES will notify families of school closures on the school website, Veracross Parent Portal and local media outlets.

## PLAN FOR ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

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In the case of unplanned, single-day closures due to inclement weather, students in all three divisions will not receive additional work for that day. (In other words, students will have a good old-fashioned “snow day.”)

In the event of a multi-day closure of school, OES will adopt the following approach:

- **Day 2 of a School Closure:** In the event that OES is closed for a second consecutive day:  
  
Lower School: teachers will use this day as a planning day  
Middle / Upper School: teachers will post asynchronous work on Google Classroom
- **Day 3 of a School Closure:** In the event that OES is closed for a third consecutive day:

Lower School: teachers will communicate via email with families regarding what age-appropriate work can be done from home

Middle / Upper School: teachers will post additional work on Google Classroom. In addition, teachers are expected to be available to students during their regularly-scheduled class period. Instruction may be synchronous, asynchronous, or a combination of both.

- In the unlikely event that school is closed for four or more consecutive days, we will follow Day 3 protocols and may also explore other ways to address missed class days, including changes to the calendar.

## **RESPECT FOR PHYSICAL SPACES**

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Classrooms, hallways, and other public spaces are important parts of the OES learning environment. As a result, students should treat those spaces with respect. Except in areas designated by the division head, students should ask permission before putting anything on the walls or in other public spaces -- including posters, flyers, etc.



# LOWER SCHOOL

## LOWER SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

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In Lower School, we believe young children learn best through active involvement in a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment. We view each student as a unique individual with a distinctive pattern and timing of growth and development. We have designed a flexible, inquiry-based curriculum allowing students to build on their prior knowledge and experiences.

OES provides experiences that stimulate learning in all developmental areas—physical, social, emotional, and cognitive. Our goal is to create a student-centered environment that fosters personal growth, critical thinking, and an enthusiasm for learning.

In pursuit of the OES mission, we strive to:

- Educate the whole student, balancing academic, social, physical, aesthetic, and spiritual growth.
- Provide an academic program that is challenging and responsive to the needs of individual students.
- Emphasize both the academic competencies and the OES Essential Competencies.
- Engage students in a cycle of inquiry that supports exploration, connection, creation, commitment to demonstrating understanding and reflection.
- Make learning active, experiential, and developmentally appropriate.
- Implement an interdisciplinary curriculum that helps students see the connections between their learning and the communities in which they live.
- Encourage students to ask questions, take risks, think critically, and make wise decisions and choices.
- Create opportunities for students to solve problems, including those with multiple solutions and those with no clear solutions.
- Develop a community of learners in which students work in cooperative learning teams.
- Engage students in meaningful community engagement projects that are related to the curriculum.
- Build a safe and nurturing community founded on partnerships among students, teachers, and parents.
- Provide support in times of struggle and share success with all.

## OES Honor Code

Written and adopted by the Upper School Student Council in 2018, the Honor Code guides our efforts to use our power for good at school and beyond:

“As a member of the Oregon Episcopal School community, I commit to honesty, safety, accountability, and respect for others in my academic, extracurricular, and social pursuits.”

## Lower School Community Agreements

As members of the OES and Lower School communities, we follow the OES Honor Code and Lower School Agreements as guiding principles for our words and actions both on and off the OES campus as representatives of OES.

Inspired by the OES Honor Code and Middle School Community Commitments, the Lower School Agreements similarly guide our efforts in Lower School:

- Learn each day.
- Keep everyone safe.
- Respect yourself and others.
- Build friendships.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Take responsibility for your words and actions.
- Choose kindness.

## Citizenship

### ***Guiding Principles***

OES is a community of learners built upon partnerships, with guiding principles of respect, responsibility, and kindness. We encourage self-discipline, consideration of others, a lifelong love of learning, sound ethical judgment, and pride in our school. We educate global citizens who are ready and willing to assume their shares of responsibility for the good of the entire community. We expect all members of the community to cultivate and nurture these values.

We believe:

- The first six weeks of school require adaptation.
- Students come to school with a unique set of experiences, backgrounds, and learning styles.
- We expect that students will make mistakes. We help them learn from their mistakes through problem-solving and conflict resolution skills.
- The behavior challenges of Pre-Kindergarten students can be vastly different from those of grade 5 students.
- As students grow, they will engage in different forms of behavior.

- Actions adults take to help students learn positive choices will vary from grade to grade.
- We provide ongoing opportunities for students to practice and internalize skills.
- When repair is needed, consequences are designed as restorative and aim to be consistent, layered, ongoing, integrated, collaborative, supportive, instructional, realistic, differentiated and reflective.

### ***Role of Teachers in Citizenship***

In the Lower School, we use the First Six Weeks of School and RULER program from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. These programs help students construct the rules, routines, and procedures of the classroom that are the cornerstones of good citizenship and community.

At the beginning of each school year, teachers and students develop a charter of agreements or class rules. These agreements will center upon the core values of respect, responsibility, and kindness. We expect that these lists will differ depending upon the grade and developmental stage of the children. Teachers will revisit these concepts in formal and informal lessons throughout the year.

Teachers also include self-awareness tools, problem-solving language and strategies in their ongoing instruction with the goal of building an effective toolbox of strategies for children to utilize in social or personal dilemmas.

### ***Role of Students in Citizenship***

In addition to working with the teacher in the classroom to construct examples of respectful and responsible behavior, students will:

- Dress according to school uniform policy.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Leave personal items that distract from learning (such as toys, electronic games, and cellphones) at home.
- Complete homework.
- Learn each day.
- Help keep everyone safe.
- Respect one's self and others.
- Build friendships.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Take responsibility for words and actions.
- Choose kindness.
- Intervene or report to the teacher or another adult when they see another student being mistreated or a major school rule being violated.

## ***Role of the School in Citizenship***

*We are committed to:*

- Focus on the growth of our students.
- Foster a sense of responsibility recognizing that students need increasing latitude as they begin to learn how to solve problems on their own.
- Seek to solve the issue with the student, other students involved, teachers and/or parents/guardians.
- Utilize the school's resources and work with other members of the faculty and staff to solve conflicts.
- Communicate clearly and in a timely manner with parents/guardians about their child's progress, both academically and behaviorally, through meetings, phone calls, notes, or emails.
- Call parents/guardians when there is a recurring or serious problem at school that is potentially harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of their child or others.
- Apply teaching or consequences that vary depending upon the age of the student, intent, frequency, severity of the behavior, and the student's willingness to accept responsibility for the behavior.
- Communicate consequences or teachable moments to parents/guardians.
- On rare occasions we may call parents/guardians to remove their child temporarily from school. Before making the decision to send a student home we first may implement such steps as:
  - Provide alternate activities or in-school settings.
  - Utilize strategies and tools for conflict resolution and self-regulation
  - Consult with the counselor.
  - Problem-solve with the Assistant Heads of Lower School, teachers, and parents/guardians.
- Discuss a plan of action with the Head of Lower School, the Lower School team, and the parents/guardians.

Sending a student home is a measure we seldom use but one that is very effective in communicating to the student and family the limits necessary to ensure everyone's physical and emotional safety. When the student is required to take time away from the community, either in or out of school, the student has time to process what has happened, to consider how to repair harm and restore trust, and to plan next steps to thoughtfully re-enter the community. As needed, the school will also create a long-term plan, with the partnership of parents/guardians, to address necessary changes in behavior. When this occurs, the student and parents/guardians must meet with the Lower School Head and Assistant Head before re-admittance to the school.

## ***Role of Parents/Guardians in Citizenship***

- Help your child to problem-solve.
- If your child reports an unsettling experience that occurred during their school day:
  - Remind yourself that the information your child has given may be a small part of a bigger story and processed through your child's lens only.
  - Help broaden your child's perspective and problem-solve.
  - Contact the teacher if further questions or concerns remain.
- Ask questions such as:
  - "What happened?"
  - "What were you thinking at the time?"
  - "What have you thought about since?"
  - "Who has been affected by what happened?"
  - "What do you think you need to do to make things right?"
  - "Who can help you at school?"
  - "What do you think you will do next time?"

## ***Successful Parent/Guardian-Teacher Communication***

In order to help students learn from their mistakes, it is essential that parents/guardians, teachers, and the school work as a team. On Back-to-School Night, your child's teacher will share with you any preferred method(s) of communication.

As a general rule, email is a great tool for exchanging routine information; however, a phone call or face-to-face discussion is better for more serious matters.

We suggest the following steps:

- Contact your child's teacher to gain a broader understanding of the situation.
- Communicate the information that you have received.
- Ask the teacher for clarifying information.
- Work as a team to brainstorm solutions.
- Provide your child with tools to successfully navigate future situations.

If another parent/guardian calls you with concerns about an incident that occurred during school, avoid triangulation by encouraging that parent/guardian to speak directly with the appropriate teacher or staff member. Talking with groups of parents/guardians whose children are not directly involved in the incident will more likely exacerbate a situation than help resolve the issue.

Please keep the school informed if there are changes at home that might affect behavior at school. Events that go on at home can have an impact on a child's ability to function at school.

### **Lower School Expectations**

We believe students operate best in an environment where clear and consistent expectations and mutual respect are the norms. Rules are discussed and reinforced throughout the year. While students will make mistakes, our goal is to help students learn from them as they grow in self-awareness and self-control.

All policies and rules in the All-School Handbook also apply to Lower School students. Infractions of the Major School Rules may result in a range of consequences including dismissal from the school. Unless otherwise stated, these rules apply to conduct at school-related events on and off campus. They also apply to students' online communications when they negatively impact the OES community.

### ***Responsible Use of Technology***

See the All-School Handbook Technology Section, which includes policies on the following topics:

- Network Services
- Internet Access
- Online Privacy
- Computer Software Code of Ethics
- Laptops Brought From Home
- Loaned Equipment

Lower School students are encouraged to use technology responsibly and to be respectful digital citizens. Things to keep in mind while using technology:

- Be polite in communication with others.
- Use appropriate language.
- Keep last names, addresses, and phone numbers off the Internet.
- Keep passwords private.
- Report any problems with the system or security to an adult.
- Use technology time wisely.
- Immediately report access to or use of inappropriate websites to an adult.
- Use the technology for school-related work only.
- Use school supported programs and applications only.

We also ask that parents limit the use of their own technology (such as cell phones and tablets) in the affinity commons or in Extension locations, with the goal of nurturing face-to-face social interactions and deepening relationships among our students.



## Restorative Practice

OES expects that students and adults take seriously their commitment to the values of honesty, safety, and respect, and work to be self-disciplined, as well as accountable when in violation of the community agreement norms. Should students stumble in their efforts to meet these ideals, the Lower School rules and procedures are intended to, whenever possible, restore an individual to good standing in the community while maintaining the integrity of our values. OES reserves the right to make changes and modifications to these guidelines, as necessary.

Discipline in the Lower School is intended to be educational and skill-building. We define discipline as teaching and consequence as “that which happens after”; frequent consequences involve planning actions intended to resolve a problem or to make amends. Students are involved in the process of repairing harm. In deciding upon an appropriate consequence, the classroom teacher, Assistant Heads of Lower School, and the Head of Lower School will take into account such factors as the age of the child, intent, frequency and/or severity of misbehavior, and the child's willingness to accept responsibility for such behavior.

### ***Possible Consequences***

- Teaching a strategy the child is not yet applying;
- Action to make amends or repair harm;
- Time out in the classroom;
- Drawing a picture for a friend;
- Face-to-face apology;
- Letter of apology;
- Letter to parents written by student;
- Phone call or email to parents or parent conference;
- Loss of privileges (e.g., part or all of recess or choice time, missing field trip, computer);
- Time out and restitution;
- Conflict resolution reflection essay or letter;
- Conversation with Assistant Heads of Lower School or Head of Lower School;
- Behavioral contract;
- In-school suspension; mid-day or full-day at-home suspension;
- Post suspension: re-entry meeting with parents, Head and Assistant Head of Lower School;
- Letter to parents from Head of Lower School;
- Non-renewal of contract;
- Dismissal; and
- Other options as deemed appropriate.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact the Head of Lower School.

## **Health and Safety**

### ***Emergency Forms***

The School requires every family to maintain current Emergency Information via the Veracross Parent Portal. The form indicates relatives and friends to be notified and other important information in case of emergency. If any of the names or phone numbers of emergency contacts change during the year, please update this information immediately through the Veracross Parent Portal. For information about student physicals and immunizations, please see the All-School Handbook.

### ***Medication at School***

When children need to take **over-the-counter** medicine at school, we will administer it, so long as we have the physician's current orders and the parents' written instructions. Please bring the medicine in the original container with the label attached. Complete the form available in the Lower School Office, or on the OES website. We need the generic name of the medicine, dosage, time to be given each day, and dates to be administered. Do not send medicine to school for your child to keep and self-administer.

When your child requires a **prescription** medication to be given at school, it should be brought to the school office in the original pharmacy container. The pharmacy label provides the written health care provider's instructions (as required by Oregon law). As the parent, you will need to complete the Magnus Health form in the Veracross Parent Portal that provides the faculty and staff with information needed to safely assist your child and gives them permission to do so.

For the protection of all students, students may not carry or self-administer their own medications. Exceptions may be considered for students who require immediate access to asthma or anaphylaxis medications. Please contact the medical professional if there are concerns regarding this policy.

### ***Illness or Injury***

We will call you if your child becomes ill or injured during the school day and is unable to participate in classroom activities. Our office staff and the medical professional will provide tender care until you are able to make arrangements to pick up your child. The Lower School Office, however, does not have the space or equipment to provide long-term care for sick children. Parents are encouraged to have options available if their child requires care at home during the school day.

Determining whether a child is well enough to participate in the school day is sometimes a difficult decision for a parent to make. Obvious signs of illness and/or communicability that indicate the child should remain home are: fever above 100°, vomiting, diarrhea, some rashes and skin infections, red and/or swollen eye(s) or an eye with discharge, severe sore throat, active coughing, sneezing, and nasal drainage, or evidence of head lice, scabies, or ringworm. When these obvious signs are not

evident, careful evaluation and judgment are required. The following guidelines may give assistance in making decisions regarding school attendance:

- Is the child well enough to benefit from and participate in all classroom activities?
- Is the child actively contagious to others?
- Would the child recuperate more quickly if kept at home for the day?
- Would the child's symptoms be a distraction to others in the classroom?
- If the child has had a fever, has the temperature been in the normal range for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication?

### ***Emergency First Aid***

When students are injured during school hours and on campus, they are usually brought to the Lower School Office for simple first aid treatment. Health and emergency information on file is consulted before any treatment is given. If the injury is more serious than Lower School Office personnel are qualified to handle, the medical professional is called. She will treat the child or provide advice as to further action. If the injured student is moved to a hospital, and a parent or their emergency contact is not available, a school representative will accompany the child. With the exception of minor cases, the parent or guardian will be notified of treatment.

### ***Recess***

Sometimes children bring notes from home asking for them to stay in at recess. Although on rare occasions a child may need to stay inside (for example, a child who is just back to school after a long illness or surgery), we ask all children to go out at recess for fresh air and exercise. If a child is too ill with a cold or sore throat to bundle up and be outside for 20 to 30 minutes, then that child should probably be at home. If the weather is too miserable for anyone to be out, then appropriate activities will be conducted indoors.

## **Community Information**

### ***Lower School Hours***

The Lower School is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Extension is open until 5:30 p.m. each school day.

Lower School Office Opens	7:30 a.m.
Arrival Begins	7:30 a.m.
Buses arrive	7:45 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
School begins	8:00 a.m.
Pre-Kindergarten: half-day	8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pre-Kindergarten: full day	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
K, Primary, Grades 1–5	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Extension: (Pre-K– Grade 5)	3:00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Buses leave	3:20 p.m.
Lower School Office Closes	4:00 p.m.

Children should not be left on campus before 7:30 a.m., as there is no one on duty to supervise them. If you arrive early, you must wait with your child until supervision begins.

If you arrive after 8 a.m. you must contact the Lower School Office, and then escort your child to the Lower School front door.

### **Early Release at 2:00 each Wednesday**

Lower School will start at 8:00 every day. Every Wednesday Lower School will end at 2:00. Supervision will be offered for students needing to remain at school from 2:00 - 3:00. Extension and After School classes will be offered from 2:00 - 5:30. OES buses will run on the usual schedule. Faculty will use the time from 2:00 - 4:00 pm to engage in professional development and collaborative planning.

Parents may choose from the following after school plan options each Wednesday:

- Pick up student at 2:00 pm
- Pick-up student at 3:00 pm after child participates in interim care from 2:00 - 3:00
- Student rides the OES bus leaving campus at 3:20 pm
- Student participates in the After School and Extension Program and is picked up between 3:30 and 5:30

### **Attendance**

See All-School Policies section on Attendance Policy which includes policies on the following sections:

- Attendance Philosophy
- Planned Student Absences
- Emergency/Health-Related Absences
- Unexcused Absences
- Vacations

Regular school attendance in Lower School is required. It is important that students arrive on time and that they do not miss school unless they are ill or injured. Students who are tardy feel rushed and frequently are not ready to settle down to work. A record of absences and tardiness is a part of each student's file.

Parents are asked to record attendance in the Veracross Parent Portal on the day their child is absent or tardy, ideally first thing in the morning. We ask that for

extended absences, you send a note to your child's teacher, as well as complete the form.

### **Medical and Dental Absences**

We ask your help with non-medical, non-emergency absences. Excused absences, of course, are granted for illness or other emergencies. In these cases, students will be allowed time to make up work and the faculty will offer help, although it must be recognized that it is not possible to reconstruct the classroom learning environment once it has been missed.

Parents must notify the office when their child is being picked up in the middle of the school day for a doctor's appointment or illness.

Both the teacher and the Lower School Office staff need to know in advance of any such change in the regular routine via the Veracross Parent Portal. Identification may be required if a child is being released to someone unfamiliar to us. This is a precaution we need to enforce for safety reasons.

### **"Elective" Absences**

Elective absences are not condoned by the School. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in not scheduling absences for your children during the school year, including family trips and excursions. In an effort to help families plan vacations, we post the school year calendar well in advance. Please remember to avoid early departures and late returns from the school's vacation schedule, as well.

We do, however, recognize that there are situations when the educational benefit of the absence is significant. In these cases, please approach the school well in advance of the absence so that special assignments can be made. If the trip is not considered educationally valuable, we will not ask teachers to prepare assignments in advance. The homework will be available to students upon their return, and it will be the student's responsibility to make up any course requirements. If extra tutoring is required to bring the student to current status with the class, it will be the responsibility of the family to arrange for and provide the service.

### ***After-School Plans***

Be sure to let the Lower School Office know via the School Pass application of any changes in regular after-school plans for your child (including birthday parties, playdates with friends, etc.). This includes bus or carpool changes or when someone different is picking up your child. Lower School staff will not let your child alter any customary after-school plans without written or verbal permission from you. Please do not ask your child to convey the message verbally.

Use the School Pass application to report any changes in your child's after school plan. After 2 p.m., call the Lower School Office directly at 503-768-3143. Without direct instructions from you, we will send children home by the usual means or retain them in the Lower School Office until we can reach you.

For safety reasons, students may not roam the campus unsupervised. If they must wait for a special lesson or activity, they should be registered in the Extension Program or be accompanied by a parent.

## ***Bus Riders***

Students who ride the bus may have parent permission to listen to music or books on electronic devices with earphones. These devices, in addition to cell phones, must be kept in backpacks during the school day. Students are reminded that these devices may be taken out of their backpacks only once they are safely seated on the bus.

## ***Classroom Assignment***

Assigning students to classes is an important job for any faculty. Getting the right mix of children means that many factors must be considered. At OES, where we have more than one self-contained classroom at each grade level, we try to maintain heterogeneous classes that have a balance of students. We consider both individual and collective needs and want to promote good relationships among the children. We have confidence in all our teachers and think that most children will do well with any of them.

Grade level teachers meet in May or June to group returning students and assign them to classes. These assignments are reviewed in August as summer enrollments are added. Parents are informed of their child's classroom assignment via an August mailing that contains information about the opening of school.

There are times when we are genuinely unaware of information from home that should be considered in class placements. Parents who have information they think would be useful should make an appointment with the Head of Lower School. Parental input is weighed along with such factors as academic ability, classroom deportment, and maturity. After weighing all available information, it is the school's role to make the final decision.

## ***Student Evaluations and Conferences***

The goals of our evaluation system are to improve instruction, train students to assess their own progress and products, and inform parents of their child's progress. We use a variety of methods, depending on the child, the content or skill being assessed, and the purpose of the assessment. We assess mastery of knowledge, reasoning, skills, and projects. We strive to define our expectations clearly and appropriately so that students know what they must do to show competence in a given area. We also strive to provide feedback to students that is useful and helps them learn how to learn. Students who learn confidently and competently to evaluate their own work usually become better performers, as well.

The Lower School Learning Reports are organized around our [Lower School Cornerstones](#) and the [OES Essential Competencies](#). Exploring these two links will help you learn more about these foundational guideposts of our program. The learning reports group **learning outcomes** (our overall goals) and **learning indicators** (the things we observe that indicate progress toward those goals) by Cornerstone and list the related Essential Competencies. The narrative comments address individual strengths, accomplishments, and challenges.



Two parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in fall and winter, and learning reports are sent home twice a year, in February and June. Additional individual conferences may be scheduled by teachers or parents upon request.

### ***Student Records***

The school maintains progress reports on all students. These include such information as records from previous schools, report cards, attendance, standardized test results, health records, and correspondence. Student records are used by the faculty and are open to inspection by the student's parents upon request. No one else has access to them without the consent of the administration, parents, or both, or as otherwise may be legally required.

### **Homework**

Homework is assigned to reinforce the study habits and concepts taught at school. It also gives practice in recently learned skills. Homework is regularly assigned in grades 2 through 5; younger children are, at times, given work to do at home. We want your children to become successful and independent students.

### ***Parents/ Guardians' Role in Homework***

We expect that parents will help establish good homework routines. Parents/ guardians can review homework with their children to get a better understanding of concepts and conversations happening in classrooms. Homework and other assignments should reflect the child's understanding and work. If children receive too much support, the resulting work does not reflect what the student is capable of doing independently.

### ***Teachers' Role in Homework***

Teachers will provide guidelines regarding the amount of time students are expected to do homework. Homework is not normally given on weekends; however, extra weekend work may be assigned to students who need to catch up on their work, and there may be long-term assignments that require additional work.

### **Field Trips**

All classes go on field trips each year in conjunction with their programs of study. Each student is required to have a signed field trip permission form on file in the Veracross Parent Portal to go on these off-campus trips. Without one, a student may not participate. Parents are notified of upcoming field trips through written communication from the teachers.

### **Uniform Policy**

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5 wear the OES school uniform on all school days (unless otherwise noted; see Uniform Optional Days). Uniforms may be purchased from Lands End, Hilfinger or Dennis Uniform.

PANTS:	Tailored pants with zipper front (navy blue or khaki only); no jeans or jeans style, no patch pockets or cargo style.
SHORTS:	Tailored walking shorts with zipper front (navy blue, khaki, or Kirk plaid only); no jeans or cargo style.
SKIRTS, SKORTS:	Dennis Uniform Kirk plaid, navy blue, or khaki. Navy or white leggings, tights, or bike shorts may be worn under skirts.
DRESS:	Dennis Uniform short-sleeved light blue or navy polo dress; OES logo required; Kirk plaid shift dress. Kirk plaid A-line jumper. (Navy and khaki jumpers are not authorized uniform dresses.)
SHIRTS:	Polo shirts in solid white, navy, light blue, or forest green; short or long sleeve polo shirts; jersey knit or pique; OES logo required.
SWEATERS:	Navy blue cardigan; OES logo required.
SWEATSHIRTS:	Solid navy blue, forest green, or light blue; OES logo required. No OES spirit wear.
FLEECE:	Navy or forest green fleece jackets; OES logo required.
SHOES:	Shoes must offer firm support and resist slipping for active play. Closed-toed, closed-heel, athletic-type shoes (e.g., tennis shoes, walking shoes, sport shoes) are required. No sandals, heelys, wheelies, clogs, Uggs, or blinkies, please. Boots may be worn on snow days only.
SOCKS:	Socks are required.
JEWELRY:	For safety reasons, only watches and studs for pierced ears are allowed. Please refrain from sending Lower School students to school with necklaces, drop earrings, bracelets, multiple scrunchies worn as bracelets, rings, etc.
HEADWEAR:	Hair accessories should be white, navy, forest green, or Kirk plaid. No sports caps or head wear, except for religious purposes.  When in Chapel, students should remove hats or hoods, except in religious or cultural observance.
OUTERWEAR:	Any coat or jacket may be worn for warmth outdoors.

### **Uniform Optional Days**

Clothing should be neat, clean, not torn, and appropriate to the classroom situation. Close-toed and closed-heeled shoes are to be worn at all times. The following items are considered inappropriate: very short skirts and shorts, shirts with language or offensive graphics, or thin-strapped/strapless tops.

### **Purchase of Uniforms & Spirit Wear**

The OES School Store offers a variety of spirit wear and uniform items with the OES logo, including polo shirts, cardigans, and sweatshirts, all Kirk plaid items and fleece,

and rain jackets. In addition, pants, shorts, skorts, shirts, and sweaters can be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company, Lands End School Uniforms and Hilfiger School Uniforms.

### **Lost & Found**

The Lower School maintains a Lost and Found. All personal belongings should be labeled with last names, as should coats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, and other articles which children may take off during the course of the day. Periodically, unmarked and unclaimed items will be donated to local organizations. Parents will be informed in the LS Express several weeks before lost and found items are donated.

### **Used Uniform Closet**

The Used Uniform closet (UU) is located in Room 10 (the green door) under Fariss Hall, and will be open from 7:30am-4pm M-F starting on 8/21. The UU has a selection of gently used uniforms that families have donated as they are outgrown -- all uniforms here are free for LS families!

We continue to take donations of outgrown uniforms. Any item with the OES logo can be returned here, as ones with stains will be upcycled into cloth rags (do not donate elsewhere). Any uniform items without the OES logo should be in good usable condition and free of rips, holes, and paint/marker stains before donating back to the school.

As you prepare your children's clothing for school, please take the time to clearly label any clothing with your child's first and last name. This applies to both OES and non-OES clothing, particularly outerwear (jackets, sweatshirts, etc). Personalized fabric labels that stay on after washing are highly recommended.

### **Outdoor Clothing**

It is important for children to wear clothing appropriate to weather conditions, as they will spend time outside exploring the campus during recess and traveling from building to building for special classes, chapel, and lunch. Since it is often much warmer by the end of the school day than it is in the morning, children might be happier with layers they can remove as they warm up. Please label your child's clothing with their name.

### **What Not to Bring to School**

Students should not bring lighters, knives, or other weapons or weapon-like objects to school.

Students should not bring personal electronics such as cell phones, smart watches, or handheld electronic devices to school.

In general, toys from home are not allowed at school. If there is a toy that a student feels may be appropriate to bring to school, the student should ask for permission from the Head or Assistant Head of Lower School before bringing the toy to school.

Children should not bring candy or money to school, except for special events when the classroom teacher has granted permission (e.g., a book fair, party, or field trip.)

Use of a cell phone is not permitted when at school or on a school trip; in special situations, exceptions may be granted by the Head of Lower School.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **Citizenship**

The Middle School program is committed to creating an inclusive culture of compassion and empathy, responsible risk-taking, and teaching and learning. As members of the OES and Middle School communities, we follow the OES Honor Code and Community Commitments as guiding principles for our words and actions on and off the OES campus as representatives of OES.

## ***OES Honor Code***

Written and adopted by the Upper School Student Council in 2018, the Honor Code guides our efforts to use our power for good at school and beyond:

“As a member of the Oregon Episcopal School community, I commit to honesty, safety, accountability, and respect for others in my academic, extracurricular, and social pursuits.”

## ***Community Commitments***

- Respect yourself, others, and the environment.
- Build relationships.
- Recognize the impact of your actions.
- Respond constructively.
- Take responsibility.

OES expects that students take seriously their commitment to the Honor Code and Community Commitments. As part of our work of creating an inclusive community, students will be asked to reflect on their behavior and take accountability for their words and actions. As we build community together, we anticipate there can be conflict and differences, and we rely on restorative practices to repair relationships in the community while maintaining the integrity of our values.

## **Middle School Expectations**

All policies and rules in the All-School Handbook also apply to Middle School students. Failure to follow the Community Commitments may result in a range of consequences including dismissal from the school. Unless otherwise stated, these expectations apply to conduct at school, as well as at all school-related events on and off campus. They also apply to students’ on-line communications when they negatively impact the OES community.

## ***Academic Honesty***

By placing their name on a piece of work, students assert that the work is entirely their own and that any ideas and language taken from others are properly cited. Academic honesty is the cornerstone of teaching and learning—teachers must be able to evaluate accurately how much each student has learned and how each

student can improve; therefore, academic dishonesty of any kind undermines the atmosphere of trust in the classroom and compromises the school's integrity. OES expects that each student will work to understand the complexity and importance of and commit to the highest standards of Academic honesty. Some violations of the expectation for academic honesty include, but are not limited to:

- Looking at another person's quiz or exam during an assessment period.
- Asking about what is on a test that another student has already taken.
- Telling another student an answer to a problem that the student is supposed to do independently.
- Using a resource that is not permitted for an assignment or assessment—for example, a study card, notes, tutor, electronic device, or translator.
- Helping others cheat and/or encouraging others to be dishonest and irresponsible.
- Talking to another student during a test or exam or sharing information with others after the exam.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled tools are a broad and emerging category that should, like all other technology tools, always be used to maintain a student's academic integrity and support their learning process. A student should only use these tools in alignment with a teacher's stated expectations for AI use in a given context (within a class, on an assignment, for a period of time, etc.), and only within that tool's Terms of Service Agreements.

A teacher will explicitly state when AI tools are allowed on assignments; if there are any questions about whether a tool is appropriate for an assignment, reach out to the teacher before using the tool. Usage of tools which break these agreements are treated as breaches of academic integrity and will be handled according to our policies.

## ***Plagiarism***

Academic plagiarism occurs when students use others' words, ideas, or work without attribution. Students should bring any questions they might have about what constitutes plagiarism to their teachers. Some examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- Using text, literary or historical analysis, or factual information or ideas from another source without quotation marks or attribution.
- Using the ideas and language of other sources without appropriate citation, even when reworded.
- Representing the words or ideas of another person as their own.
- Seeking to earn credit for work and ideas that are not their own.
- Submitting a document that was the product of group effort/group thinking (e.g., a lab or Google doc) as solely their own.



If a teacher suspects that any part of a student's work includes any form of academic dishonesty, the teacher will meet with the student to understand what happened. If the teacher concludes that the student violated the commitment to academic honesty, the teacher will assign academic consequences in alignment with class expectations.

Teachers will also refer all cases of academic dishonesty to the Assistant Head, who will gather relevant information in order to determine an appropriate response. We will also inform parents of any incidents of plagiarism or academic dishonesty.

### ***Theft and Vandalism***

We expect students to respect the property of individuals, both on and off the school campus.

Both theft and vandalism are destructive acts that undermine the community's trust and violate expectations for respect and safety. Vandalism includes defacing and/or destroying any school or other personal property.

Any student who damages school buildings or school property, including jeopardizing the security of school buildings, may be held financially responsible for the destruction. In addition, students responsible for willful destruction or damage to school or others' property will face consequences ranging from community work assignments, to probation, or dismissal.

Students should use good judgment in protecting their possessions and information by keeping and securing all personal belongings in lockers, not bringing valuables to school, and making sure that electronic device passwords are secure and private. Out of respect for each other's privacy, students may not go into another person's locker without permission. Missing items should be reported to the student's advisor or the Assistant Head.

### ***Responsible Use of Technology***

We expect students to use technology to support their learning and skill development while adhering to their commitment to honesty, safety, and respect when using devices. Students can practice being responsible and ethical digital citizens by following guidelines that include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones should not be used at all in the Middle School, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. unless as directed by a teacher or staff member. Any calls home can be made with the landline phone at the Middle School office, and only communication regarding transportation is allowed on phones after school in the designated phone area. Students who violate these expectations risk losing the privilege to carry or bring a phone to campus.
- Recreational gaming and social media are not allowed during the school day on a personal or school-owned device.

- Taking someone else's device and using it for any purposes without the owner's permission is not allowed.
- Impersonating or assuming another person's identity or under another user's account or identity is considered identity theft.
- Students should never post anonymously online.
- Students should not post personal sensitive information about themselves or others. This includes ID numbers, addresses, birthdates, or other details that could enable identity theft or put people at risk.
- Any online bullying or harassing behavior should be reported to an advisor, teacher, assistant head, or division head whether it occurs during school hours or outside of school.
- Always ask permission to record classes, meetings, or private conversations, and obtain everyone's consent.
- All school-owned devices must be treated with care and respect as outlined by the Middle School Educational Tech Coordinator. School-owned devices should never be left unattended. Should there be any damage or loss to the device owned by the school, the student's family will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement as needed. See the Middle School Device Program Policy below for more information.

### **Sexting and Posting Sexually-Explicit Images on the Internet**

"Sexting" is sending or receiving a nude, lewd, or sexually explicit image of a person on a cell phone or other electronic device. If the person in the image is under 18 years of age, it is illegal under Oregon law to send, receive, forward or keep such an image (regardless of consent).

Posting nude, lewd, or sexually explicit images of a person on any social media platform, or otherwise distributing the image (for example, in hard-copy, text or email), without the consent of the person in the image—regardless of the person's age—is also illegal.

### **Middle School Device Program Policy**

Middle School students receive devices issued by OES. OES will handle all warranty claims and service on the devices. Apple Computer determines if a claim is covered or not, with claims being covered if the failure occurred during normal use. Failed batteries, power supplies, hard drives, logic boards, and keyboards are covered if they fail during routine use.

If a device is accidentally dropped, lost, damaged, or stolen, the repair or replacement is not covered by warranty. Families may be asked to contribute up to 50 percent of the repair or replacement costs (not to exceed \$500) if this occurs. If a device is deliberately harmed by a student or damaged or lost repeatedly, a family may be asked to contribute 100 percent of the repair or replacement costs (not to exceed \$1,000). The cases, which are issued with the devices, are designed to protect

the devices from common forms of accidental damage, which should reduce the frequency and severity of these events.

The commitment to honesty, respect, and safety and the willingness to hold oneself accountable for meeting that commitment—as stated in the Honor Code—extends to online interactions; online bullying, harassment, and hazing are considered violations of a major school rule. Those who violate these policies, classroom expectations, or applicable state and federal laws are subject to loss of access to a school-owned device, loss of network or computer use privileges, and other consequences.

See the All-School Handbook for more detailed information about the:

- Network Services Policy
- Internet Access Policy
- Online Privacy Policy
- Computer Software Code of Ethics
- Laptops Brought from Home
- Loaned Equipment Policy

## **Restorative Practice**

Guided by the Community Commitments, which expect commitment to principles of honesty, safety, and respect, as well as accountability for individual actions and choices, OES seeks to uphold the integrity of the school, to foster community responsibility for the maintenance of a safe and positive environment, and to help students develop the resilience necessary to grow and learn from mistakes.

The Middle School philosophy of restorative practice seeks to educate students about appropriate behavior and provides opportunities for restitution to restore relationships. Every student and situation is unique, and we will consider the nature of the offense, the efforts made to change behavior, the responsibility taken by the student, and the honesty shown by the student. We will partner with parents to support students and communicate accordingly.

Should students fail to honor the Middle School Community Commitments, they will engage in the following steps as determined by each unique situation:

- The student will engage in a restorative conversation with any of the following people: a teacher, an advisor, the Assistant Head, or the Head of Middle School. The student will have an opportunity to reflect on the impact of their actions, consider how to repair any harm done, and plan how to change behavior in the future using the following restorative questions:
  - What happened?
  - What were you thinking at the time?
  - What have you thought about since?
  - Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way/s?
  - What do you think you need to do to make things right?

- If the infraction is more serious because it breaks a Major School Rule, or it reveals a concerning pattern of behavior, the student may be required to take time away from the community either in or out of school to process what has happened, consider how to repair harm and restore trust, and plan next steps to thoughtfully re-enter the community. As needed, the school will also create a long-term plan, with the partnership of the family, to address necessary changes in behavior.
- Depending on the nature of an infraction, the consequences are up to the discretion of the Head of Middle School if a student will be put on probation, suspended, or dismissed.

### ***Probation***

In addition to time away from the community, a student may be placed on probation, a time for the student to undertake serious changes in behavior with the help of parents, faculty, the school counselor, and the advisor. Probations should be a clear message that without a change in behavior, the student may be asked to leave OES.

If a student fails to meet other community expectations during the probationary period, the student may lose school privileges including, but not limited to, the ability to participate in athletics events or field trips, or access to technology on campus.

### ***Suspension or Dismissal***

If probation is unsuccessful, if a student fails to learn from repeated violations of the Community Commitments, or if a student is involved in an infraction of a Major School Rule, the student may be suspended or dismissed at any time.

## **Health and Safety**

### ***Emergency Forms***

The School requires every family to maintain current Emergency Information via the Veracross Parent Portal. The form indicates relatives and friends to be notified and other important information in case of emergency. If any of the names or phone numbers of emergency contacts change during the year, please update this information through the Parent Portal immediately.

For information about student physicals, please see the All-School Handbook.

### ***Medications at School***

Parents and students are required to provide the Middle School with a list of all medications that the student currently takes, including prescription and nonprescription medication through the Magnus Health portal. All prescription drugs used by a Middle School student must be registered in Magnus. Unless approved by the medical professional, all prescription medications should remain at the Middle School Main Office. School policy prohibits students from self-administering any medication; exceptions may be made for emergency

medications such as asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors, or insulin. In the case of a student who may require such medications, parents and students should consult with the medical professional to develop appropriate measures. During the enrollment process, families complete a form in the Magnus Health portal giving permission for approved staff to administer specific over-the-counter medications. Students who receive over-the-counter medications while at school must do so in the presence of the staff member who administers it.

Prescribed medications or additional over-the-counter medications must be in the original containers with the prescription or manufacturer's label attached.

Sharing of medication is prohibited and will be considered a violation of the Illegal and Controlled Substances Policy in the All-School Handbook.

Students may not self-administer prescription medicines for pain, psychiatric medicines, or medications used in the treatment of learning disabilities while at school. If doses are needed at school or while on an OES trip, these medications must be checked in with the medical professional or trip leader. The medical professional will help develop a plan for convenient administration of medicine while at school.

### ***Accidents or Illness***

In case of an accident or illness, a student is seen in the Middle School Office. If the injury or illness is minor, the student is allowed to rest for a short period of time. If the student is not able to return to class after that time, the student will be seen by the medical professional or other designee to determine the next appropriate intervention. If a student is too ill or injured to continue with the school day, the family will be contacted and asked to take their child home. It is important that families are available to consult by phone and to respond to the health needs of their child in a timely manner.

If a student returns to school following an injury that will impact their ability to participate in regular activities in the school day, the medical professional and the Middle School office need to have a note on file from a doctor explaining the accommodations necessary for that child.

## **Community Information**

### ***Parent Resources***

You can find all the following parent resources either in the Veracross Parent Portal or on the OES Middle School Site:

- The [Middle School Messenger](#) comes out every other week and contains calendar information and reminders about upcoming programs and events in the Middle School.
- To figure out whom to go to for what, read Whom to Contact in the Middle School available on the Middle School section of the OES website

## ***Middle School Hours***

The Middle School building is open from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students may enter the building at 7:45 a.m., and Gathering begins at 8:00 a.m., with the exception of Wednesday, when there is a late start, and classes begin at 8:45 a.m.

The school day ends at 3:15 p.m. and students can leave to catch a school bus, be picked up at carpool, walk home, meet with a teacher until 3:45 p.m., go to athletics or music practices, or check into the Extension program. Any student remaining on campus who is not with a teacher or coach must check into Extension by 3:30 p.m. Extension is open until 5:30 p.m., and students in Extension should leave campus by 5:30 p.m. unless involved in a supervised school activity.

## ***Attendance and Absences***

Please let the Middle School Office know of your student's absence by reporting it in the Veracross Parent Portal. If the absence is not excused by 8:30 a.m., an administrative assistant will phone the family to check on the student. Students are responsible for following up with their teachers to make up work following an absence.

Medical and dental appointments should be scheduled during vacation periods or after school hours. However, if absence from school is unavoidable, families must enter that absence in the Veracross Parent Portal indicating the reason for the absence, the time of departure, and the time of return. Students are asked to sign in and out with the Middle School Office upon leaving and returning to school.

It is critical for students to be on time to their school day and their classes. If a student is tardy up to five times in a quarter, the school will reach out for a conversation with the student, family, and advisor. If a pattern of tardiness persists, the student and family can expect further conversation to address this concern and create a plan for success that ensures the student's attendance improves.

## ***Field Trips***

All students are required to have the Field Trip Permission Form signed by their parents through the Veracross Parent Portal. This form allows participation in all field trips during school hours.

Additional permission forms will be required for after-school hours, weekend, or overnight trips, and they will be distributed as needed or completed within the Parent Portal. OES reserves the right to deny a student's participation on any trip if the Division Head, in consultation with the school counselor and the medical professional, feels that the student is not physically or emotionally prepared to meet the challenges of the trip and/or may pose a threat to the student's own safety and/or the safety of others.



## ***Off Campus Transportation***

Students attending off-campus activities who have arrived with the school group are expected to return to OES with the group or leave with their parents. We require written parental permission for an OES student to leave a game or school-sponsored or sanctioned activity with someone other than the student's parent(s).

## ***Homework***

The Middle School uses the following homework policies to encourage students to do their best on their work and also create limits on the amount of work they are doing outside of school.

- During the week, approximately 20 to 30 minutes of homework will be assigned for each class period. This means that students should have approximately 1.5 hours of homework each night at most.
- Faculty will post homework on their class's Google Classroom, and tests and quizzes will be posted on each grade's test and quiz calendar. All homework for the week is posted by Monday morning of that week.
- Homework will not be assigned during vacation periods.
- We ask that parents join the partnership by making sure that students are not over-scheduled and that they have quality time to focus on completing assignments.
- If a student has difficulty completing homework assignments, the student should discuss the problem with the teacher immediately.
- We encourage students to be the point of contact with the teacher if they are struggling or have questions about a class.

## ***Dress Guidelines***

The Middle School dress guidelines are intended to guide students and families as they transition into Middle School and adolescence. The students in grades 6 to 8 are developmentally at an appropriate stage in their lives to explore their identity beyond school uniforms and learn to be discerning about their clothing choices. We recognize that students are inundated with information from the media and popular culture about what they should be wearing, making decisions about dressing stressful and confusing. We emphasize the importance of parents also having conversations with their children about what students wear to school.

Students are expected to be dressed according to the following guidelines:

- Students should always wear clothing that allows them to fully participate in class activities, e.g., being prepared to go on the high ropes course or wearing sneakers for P.E.
- We ask that students do not wear clothing that exposes undergarments or areas normally covered by undergarments.
- Clothing and/or jewelry which displays images and/or language related to violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, profanity, and hate speech are forbidden.

- Shoes or sandals are to be worn at all times.
- When in Chapel, students should remove hats or hoods, except in religious or cultural observance.

Any uncertainty about dress guidelines will be handled respectfully and privately on an individual basis. We see these conversations as an opportunity to engage with students in meaningful dialogue about what is appropriate dress in different settings.

There may be events when students are expected to be more formally dressed, and they will be notified in advance of these events.

# UPPER SCHOOL

*Information about the OES Upper School curriculum, academic policies, and graduation requirements can be found in the Upper School Academics area of the [OES website](#) and in the [OES Curriculum Guide](#) posted there.*

*Expectations and policies specific to student life in the dorms can be found in **the Residential Life Section of the All-School Handbook**.*

## OES Honor Code

Written and adopted by the Student Council in 2018, the Honor Code is the basis for every school rule and guides our efforts to use our power for good at school and beyond:

“As a member of the Oregon Episcopal School community, I commit to honesty, safety, accountability, and respect for others in my academic, extracurricular, and social pursuits.”

OES expects that students and adults take seriously their commitment to the values of honesty, safety, and respect, and work to be self-disciplined and accountable when in violation of the community's expectations. Should students stumble in their efforts to meet these ideals, the Upper School expectations and disciplinary procedures are intended to, whenever possible, restore an individual to good standing in the community while maintaining the integrity of our values. OES reserves the right to make changes and modifications to these guidelines as necessary.

## Community

Creating and maintaining a safe and inclusive learning community requires that each individual contribute positively by respecting oneself and others, as well as the spaces, property, and buildings the school provides. As part of the commitment to the Honor Code, OES students are expected to be respectful to others at all times, including when representing OES off campus. As guests and hosts, OES students are expected to model and hold each other accountable for good judgment to their peers and other schools by engaging in behavior that demonstrates the values of the school as well as to the Major School Rules.

## Upper School Expectations

All policies and expectations in the All-School Handbook also apply to Upper School students. Infractions of the Major School Rules may result in a range of consequences aligned with our restorative practice, and could result in dismissal from the school. Unless otherwise stated, these rules apply to conduct at school-related events on and off campus. They also apply to students' online communications when they negatively impact the OES community. The policies

apply from the time a student is enrolled, through their graduation, including break periods and summer.

### ***Academic Honesty***

By placing their name on a piece of work, students assert that the work is entirely their own and that any ideas and language taken from others are properly cited. Academic honesty is the cornerstone of teaching and learning—teachers must be able to evaluate accurately how much each student has learned and how each student can improve; therefore, academic dishonesty of any kind undermines the atmosphere of trust in the classroom and compromises the school's integrity. OES expects that each student will work to understand the complexity and importance of and commit to the highest standards of academic honesty.

Some violations of the expectations for academic honesty include, but are not limited to:

- Talking to another student during an assessment or sharing information with others after the exam.
- Sharing answers that are expected to be found independently.
- Using a resource that is not permitted for an assignment or assessment—for example, a study card, notes, tutor, or translator.
- Employing a tutor for a specific course or subject area without informing the school and the teacher.
- Missing class to avoid a test or assessment due date.
- Having any electronic device out during an exam without the direct permission of a teacher.
- Submitting work assigned and assessed in one class for credit in another without clear teacher acknowledgment and approval.
- Professing to have turned in assignments that are not actually complete.
- Plagiarism.

### ***Artificial Intelligence-Enabled Tools***

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled tools are a broad and emerging category that should, like all other technology tools, always be used to maintain a student's academic integrity and support their learning process. A student should only use these tools in alignment with a teacher's stated expectations for AI use in a given context (within a class, on an assignment, for a period of time, etc.), and only within that tool's Terms of Service Agreements.

As the teacher determines what is or is not acceptable use of AI on any given assignment, it is the student's responsibility to fully understand teacher expectations on AI use, through direct conversation, if necessary. Breaches of conduct around AI-use are treated as breaches of academic integrity and will be handled according to these policies.

## ***Plagiarism***

Plagiarism occurs when students use others' words, ideas, or work without attribution, whether in writing, lab work, problem sets, visual arts, or other media. Students should bring any questions they might have about what constitutes plagiarism to their teachers and/or Assistant Head of Upper School for Academics. Some examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- Using text, literary or historical analysis, or factual information or ideas from another source without quotation marks or attribution.
- Using the ideas and language of other sources without appropriate citation, even when re-worded.
- Representing the words or ideas of another person as their own, including academic tutors or family members.
- Seeking to earn credit for work and ideas that are not their own.
- Submitting a document that was the product of group effort/group thinking (e.g., a lab or GoogleDoc) as solely their own.
- Obtaining and using data, ideas, or answers from other students without the consent of the teacher.
- Fabricating data.

If a teacher suspects that any part of a student's work includes any form of academic dishonesty, the teacher will meet with the student to understand what happened. If the teacher, in consultation with the assistant head of upper school for academics, concludes that the student violated the commitment to academic honesty, the teachers will communicate what happened and what the student is expected to do according to course and department guidelines. Violations of the expectation for academic honesty will be referred to the assistant head of upper school for academics, who will gather relevant information from the teacher, student, and student's advisor to determine the nature and extent of the incident, as well as any past disciplinary incidents, and then, in consultation with the assistant head of upper school for community, determine subsequent action, which might include referral to the Honor Council.

## ***Late Work Policy***

### **Rationale**

The late work policy aims to promote accountability among students, encouraging them to take responsibility for their work and to meet deadlines. It ensures fairness and equity by applying consistent guidelines to all students, eliminating biases or favoritism. Additionally, it fosters time management skills, motivating students to plan and allocate sufficient time for their assessments. This approach facilitates learning and academic growth by allowing timely teacher feedback and opportunities for improvement. Moreover, the policy streamlines assessment and feedback processes, enabling teachers to focus on meaningful assessments and

efficient planning. Overall, it benefits both students and teachers in creating a conducive learning environment.

### **Missed or Late Assignments**

Whenever a summative assessment is missed for any reason, the teacher will send an interim asking the student to complete the **Extension Form** and complete the process outlined below.

### **Requesting Extensions**

When students anticipate needing more time to complete an assessment (**not** for in-class assessments like tests and quizzes), they will complete the Extension Form in the student portal and follow the process below.

Student Responsibilities/Role:

- Request an extension of the deadline (24 hours in advance)
- Provide a reason for the request
- Propose a new deadline within three days of the original deadline
- Address the reason for the request and actions to be taken to avoid being late again

Once the student completes the form, the information will be sent to the student's teacher, advisor, support team, and parents/caregivers. If any adjustments are needed, the teacher may send a follow-up email. If the work remains incomplete after three days, the student will use their next class block to complete it to the best of their ability in order to receive feedback and move on in the class.

In the case of a student receiving three late work interims across all classes in a semester, a team of the student, advisor, parent/guardian, and learning resource coordinator will meet to discuss the pattern of late work (including extension requests) and develop strategies and systems of support.

## ***Illegal Substances***

### **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Marijuana, Tobacco**

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase, obtain, or possess alcohol, tobacco, vape or inhalant products, or cannabis/marijuana products. These substances, along with other forms of illegal drugs or misused prescribed medication, pose serious risks to physical and mental health and interfere with a student's ability to learn. Students may not possess, use, distribute, or sell, or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances, cannabis/marijuana or other cannabis-derived products, tobacco or nicotine products, or other inhalant delivery systems during school hours or at school events. This includes nicotine and non-nicotine vaping, e-cigarettes, and JUULs. Furthermore, students may not be in



possession of drug, alcohol, or nicotine paraphernalia of any kind on school property, during school hours, or at on- and off-campus school events.

Providing prohibited substances to other students is a harmful act that affects the whole community and is also a crime. Students caught in possession of these prohibited substances or paraphernalia on or near campus or at any school event (on or off campus) will face consequences determined by the assistant head of upper School for community which may include referral to the Honor Council or result in suspension or dismissal.

All student-athletes agree to and sign the [Alcohol, Nicotine, and Drug Contract](#). Any verifiable on- or off-campus use of alcohol, nicotine, or other drugs by an athlete will be subject to the [Upper School Restorative Practices](#) and, in addition, will result in the following consequences:

- Upon the first offense, students will be suspended from play for two contests; students are expected to participate in practice and be present at the contests.
- A second offense within a school year will result in dismissal from the team.
- A third offense could result in permanent suspension from the OES athletic program.

In keeping with the School's Jurisdiction over Out-of-School Conduct, any student whose activity violates the Honor Code, even that which takes place outside of school hours or off school property, may result in disciplinary action up to and including loss of a leadership position, suspension, and dismissal.

Students concerned about their own drug or alcohol abuse should seek help from the Counseling Department, their advisor, the assistant head of upper school for community, or a medical professional, and will receive counseling, referrals, and as much helpful intervention as the school is able to provide. The school will treat concerns brought forward by students about their own abuse of alcohol or drugs as counseling/health issues, provided that students are not already under investigation for violating the [Illegal and Controlled Substances Policy](#). Students must comply with school rules regarding alcohol and drugs while receiving assistance. See [Medical Leave](#) for more details.

## **Prescription Drugs**

Per the All-School policy, all prescription drugs brought to campus and/or on school trips must be indicated in Magnus. It is illegal to misuse or misappropriate prescription drugs. Misuse includes either taking a prescription drug or being in possession of a prescription drug that has been prescribed for a different person. Misappropriation includes acquiring drugs from any source other than a student's healthcare provider or medical professional. It also includes cases when a student provides prescription drugs to another student. Misuse can also include students taking their own prescription drug in a manner or dosage that is not intended by the prescribing physician. Students involved in the misuse or misappropriation of prescription drugs will face consequences determined by the Assistant Head of Upper School for Community, which may include referral to the Honor Council.

Students who have been prescribed cannabis or THC products are not exempt from the Illegal Substances policy and are encouraged to work directly with school administrators to find alternative treatments. The school will treat concerns brought forward by students about their own use of prescribed cannabis or THC products as counseling/health issues, provided that students are not already under investigation for violating the Illegal and Controlled Substances Policy.

### ***Family Responsibility***

OES seeks to be in partnership with families in support of responsible and safe student behavior off campus. We encourage all parents to set rules in their home that keep their children and other students safe when they visit. In addition to rules that promote general safety, parents should especially be aware of the potential serious harm as a result of student alcohol or drug use that may occur at private parties, including drug overdose, alcohol toxicity, and sexual assault. Parents who host parties or facilitate parties at their home or elsewhere off campus where alcohol or drugs are consumed by students should expect to assume legal liability for any and all behavior that occurs, consistent with local and national laws. The school does not approve of such events and these behaviors may be addressed by the assistant head of upper school for community. Parent, guardian, or host-family permission does not grant exemption from school policy.

### ***Harassment (Including Bullying and Hazing)***

Please see the Harassment section under Major All-School Rules beginning on page 10 for the Upper School policy on harassment.

### ***Microaggressions***

Even statements and behaviors that are not intentionally hostile or physically threatening can be harmful and as damaging as explicit aggression. Though actions and comments that hurt other students are not always overt or intentional, OES community members are expected to hold themselves and each other accountable for a negative impact on another student or group, regardless whether the negative impact was intended or not. Mistakes and times of discomfort are a part of the learning process, and when such incidents occur, the assistant head of upper school for community, in consultation with the upper school coordinator for equity and inclusion and the student's advisor, will use the Honor Code as the basis for understanding impact and restoration. Persistent incidents of this kind will be considered acts of bullying and/or harassment.

### ***Responsible Use of Technology***

Students are expected to use technology to support their learning and skill development while adhering to their commitment to honesty, safety, and respect when using laptops and other devices. Students can practice being responsible and ethical digital citizens by following these guidelines:

- Keep recreational game playing and social networking out of the classroom.

- Do not impersonate or assume another person's identity or use another user's account or identity. Such actions are considered identity theft.
- Avoid posting anonymously except when appropriate.
- Keep sensitive information private: identification numbers, addresses, birthdates, or other details that could enable identity theft or put you or your friends at risk.
- Report online bullying or harassing behavior to an advisor or the Assistant Head of Upper School for Community.
- Ask permission and obtain consent from everyone before recording anyone in any context, including, but not limited to classes, meetings, or private conversations.
- Do not post photos or videos of others without their knowledge.
- OES email may not be used for the distribution of any literature, petitions or surveys, fundraising, or requests for support for any political, charitable, religious, or other cause, or for the sale of merchandise or raffle tickets, with the exception of school-sponsored programs. Mass distribution email (i.e., emails to all students or all employees) should only be used for the news and business of the School. It should not be used to promote personal causes or financial interests, or to forward chain emails or attachments.

The commitment to honesty, respect, and safety and the willingness to hold oneself accountable for meeting that commitment—as stated in the Honor Code—extends to online interactions; online bullying, harassment, and hazing are considered violations of a major school rule. Students and adults are encouraged to review the School's Responsible Use Agreement, which provides information about user expectations regarding email, network, and Internet compliance. Those who violate the School's Acceptable Use Policy, classroom expectations, or applicable state and federal laws are subject to loss of network and computer use privileges, as well as disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to, those found in the Disciplinary Process section of this document. Violations may also result in criminal prosecution, when appropriate.

### ***Sexting and Posting Sexually-Explicit Images on the Internet***

"Sexting" is sending or receiving a nude, lewd, or sexually explicit image of a person on a cell phone or other personal device. Sexting is prohibited between or among OES students. In addition, if the person in the image is under 18 years of age, it can be illegal under Oregon law to send, receive, forward, or keep such an image (regardless of consent). Unlawful sexting may be reported to law enforcement.

Posting nude, lewd or sexually explicit images of a person or images created as a likeness of a person on any social media platform, or otherwise distributing the image (for example, via hard-copy or through email), without the consent of the person in the image—regardless of the person's age—is also against OES policy and can be illegal. This action may also be reported to law enforcement.

## ***Sexual Intimacy***

The Upper School is composed of students who may range in age from 13 to 20 and span a full range of cultures, beliefs, and values. While we recognize that romantic relationships may involve consensual sexual intimacy and that sexual curiosity during adolescence is common, OES is committed to creating a learning environment characterized by safety, trust, and respect for all. For this reason, sexual intimacy is not permitted either on campus or off campus at school-sponsored events or trips. OES offers education about sex and sexuality through the Health and Wellness program, and provides a range of counseling and advising resources, with the related goals of fostering thoughtful decision-making and encouraging students to postpone sexual activity.

This position is informed by our commitment to our students' well-being and right to be free of unwanted exposure to others' sexually intimate behavior. Responses to such behavior may include, but are not limited to, faculty conversations with the students involved, communication with the students' dorm parent, referral to the medical professional or counselor, consultation with the assistant head of upper school for community, and parental notification.

Students should note that the age of consent in Oregon is 18 and that students under the age of 18 are unable to give consent to certain sexual activity. Some sexually intimate behaviors involving an individual under the age of 18 violate state laws, and school personnel are generally required to report such instances in their capacity as mandatory reporters of child abuse. Engaging in sexual activity and sexting with a student under 18 years of age are two examples of behavior that may violate state laws.

## **Restorative Practice**

Guided by the Honor Code, which expects commitment to principles of honesty, safety, and respect as well as accountability for individual actions and choices, the Upper School restorative process seeks to uphold the integrity of the School, to foster community responsibility for the maintenance of a safe and positive environment, to help students develop the resilience necessary to grow and learn from mistakes.

Our community expects that members are committed to the growth of self and others and that every individual is working to make positive choices that show respect for others and contribute to an environment of trust and inclusivity. The processes that follow violations of the community rules rely on the understanding that being a part of OES requires personal accountability in the goal of creating a school where every member can assume mutual respect, safety, and trust.

Violations of community expectations and/or the Honor Code will be reported to the assistant head of upper school for community, who initiates the restorative process with the student's advisor. In issuing consequences, OES strives to balance fairness and consistency with a recognition of the individual circumstances and the nature of the infraction.

## ***Restorative Actions***

### **Community Repair**

Engagement in the OES community includes being responsible for obligations and community expectations during the academic school day, which necessitates being present for all classes and other required community events, including Chapel and Gathering. Therefore, when students are unexcused for OES programming or are disruptive or distracting during community time, they may receive a consequence designed to help them realize their responsibility for their actions and begin to restore them to the community. The student's advisor is notified so that the student and the advisor can work together to repair any harm and build the skills necessary to avoid future consequences. When a student is assigned Community Repair, they are usually asked to write a letter of recognition to the individual most directly impacted by the action. The letter should be guided by the following restorative questions:

- What happened that led to the need for repair? (a factual summary of the events and any factors that led to the decisions that were made)
- Who did my actions impact?
- What can be done to make things right?
- What will keep this from happening again? What support do I need?

Within a specific timeframe, usually two days, the student will deliver this letter to the intended recipient and initiate a conversation that clarifies and expands on their written reflection about how to repair their role in the community.

Multiple Community Repair conversations will be addressed at increasing levels of severity,, including notification to the student's parents or guardians and/or referral to the Honor Council. The assistant head of upper school for community oversees Community Repair and coordinates with advisors to ensure accountability.

### **Community Values Letters**

A Community Values Letter (formerly called Dean's Warning) is an official letter issued to a student whose behavior (academic or otherwise) demonstrates an unwillingness to commit fully to the values of the Honor Code. A Community Values Letter serves as an official internal notification to the student's family and the student's advisor that clearly defines the values of the community and describes how the student's behavior can be improved. Continued unwanted behaviors will result in more significant responses, including a referral to the Honor Council.

### **Suspension**

Being a part of OES's community is a choice and requires full commitment to the expectations and values that guide learning. In some cases, the problematic behavior of a student may necessitate temporary removal from the community; at OES this temporary removal is called a suspension. As part of taking accountability for actions that negatively impact the community, a suspended student is not allowed to participate in the life of the school for a designated amount of time. Students may also be asked to document their development of skills in the areas



that led to their suspension. Examples of this include completing an anger management course, a period of substance use counseling, or a bias-prevention training program. Suspended students are not permitted on campus, at OES events held on or off campus, or to engage in virtual or online OES programs, without the permission of the assistant head of upper school for community or a designee. Suspended students are responsible for adhering to course deadlines for assignments and major assessments and will not be granted extensions. Suspension is accompanied by a one-year probation status and may be reportable to colleges, per the OES College Counseling policy.

### **Repeat Infractions**

Repeat violations of community expectations, no matter how small, initiate further restorative actions including, but not limited to, referral to Honor Council, even if such infractions on their own would not necessarily warrant that action. The advisor and assistant head of upper school for Community closely monitor student growth following all community violations.

### **Dismissal**

In the event that a student's behavior demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to meet the community's expectations and to commit to the values identified by the Honor Code, a student is subject to dismissal from school. This can be following repeated incidents that have led to restorative action or an isolated infraction, including but not limited to, violating the school's Major Rules. Upon dismissal the family will be required to fulfill their contractual obligation to complete payment of the year's tuition. Dismissal may be reportable to colleges, per OES's College Counseling policy.

### **Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Assessment**

If deemed necessary, OES may require a student to participate in a mandatory drug and alcohol assessment as a condition of remaining enrolled at OES or participating in the community. The nature of this assessment will be determined by the Upper School Counselor in consultation with the assistant head of upper school for community, head of upper school, and Associate Head of School. As always, OES seeks to partner with families in this process.

### **Honor Council**

The Honor Council, which is composed of students and overseen by the Assistant Head of Upper School for Community, is an important collaboration that affirms OES's commitment to a restorative, community-based approach to addressing community expectations. The Honor Council helps students reflect on and learn from their actions, with the goal of helping students develop the skills necessary to be successful members of the OES community. The Honor Council convenes upon a student's violation(s) of the Honor Code and/or major school rule(s), including those that may lead to dismissal. The goal of the Honor Council is to ensure accountability for actions that violate the Honor Code and to, whenever possible, restore the student to good standing in the community. As such, student participation in the process is necessary. In the event that a student refuses participation, restoration and/or consequences for the original action will be determined by the Assistant Head of Upper School for Community or a designee. When more than one student is



involved in a violation, each student will participate in the process individually and outcomes may differ based on the actions and choices of each unique participant. The Administration may always elect to bypass the Honor Council process, including but not limited to the rare event in which law enforcement is investigating the same conduct.

**Pre-Honor Council:** When a student has been referred to Honor Council, the student meets with their advisor and the Assistant Head of Upper School for Community who then follows up with the parents/guardians to outline the process. The advisor will support the student in writing a Statement of Fact to be provided to the Council on the day of the hearing. In addition to outlining what happened, the Statement of Fact should seek to identify any extenuating circumstances. A summary of the incident, written by the Interim Director of Community, will be shared with the Honor Council members during lunch the day of the hearing. The Honor Council reviews both documents, as well as any other relevant information, and asks clarifying questions of the assistant head of upper school for community.

**Adult Guidance and Support:** The student selects an adult, who must be a staff/faculty member and may be the student's advisor, to serve as a guide and advocate during the proceedings, and help the student engage in the process as a learning experience. In order to encourage learning and accountability, parents or guardians are not present during the hearing. Attorneys are also not allowed.

**Recusal:** In cases where there is a concern about whether a member of the Honor Council can be impartial, the Chair may recuse a member or the member may self-recuse. Adult members of the Honor Council will be recused automatically in the event that their advisee comes before the Council.

**Procedure:** The Chair opens the meeting by reminding those in attendance of the confidentiality and the process, and by offering the student the chance to add on to the Statement they submitted earlier. The Council asks the student questions, including:

- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been impacted by your choices and how?
- How have you been impacted?
- How might you be able to make things right?
- How can you re-commit to the Honor Code?

Following the student interview, the adult selected by the student may address the Council to add any pertinent information or perspective. The Council also invites anyone impacted to share their experience, if they so choose. After the interview, which will not exceed 75 minutes, the student offers any remaining thoughts to the Council. The student and the selected adult are excused. The Council deliberates, using these guiding questions:

- Did the student violate the Honor Code and/or a major school rule?
- If so, how can this student learn from this choice?

- What action(s) can the student take to restore a commitment to the community? How might we facilitate that restoration?
- How might the student address their impact on the community with others?

The Chair, who also documents the proceedings and writes a summary letter for the student's file, communicates recommendations to the head of upper school, who, in consultation with the assistant head of upper school for community, decides to accept or revise the recommendations. The Council will be notified in the event of a revision and may, upon request of the Head of the Upper School, reconvene to consider.

Responsibility for all final decisions lies with the Upper School Administration in consultation with the Head of School.

**Post-Honor Council:** Once determined and accepted by the Head of Upper School and Assistant Head of Upper School for Community, the restorative steps will be communicated to the student and their family. This will be followed by an official letter copied to the student's advisor and other relevant individuals; a copy will be retained in the student's file. Decisions are binding, and retaliation against anyone who participated in the process or decision is considered a violation of the Honor Code.

### **Confidentiality**

The Honor Council is a volunteer, co-curricular activity of students and adults. It is not a court of law. It acts to review and consider evidence and make recommendations in the name of community integrity and the Honor Code. Service on the Honor Council requires meaningful dedication and time commitment from all members. Maintaining confidentiality of all proceedings is a requirement for participating on the Honor Council; breach of this confidence may result in dismissal from the Council and possible restorative action.

### **Reporting to Colleges**

If asked by colleges in the application process to report high school disciplinary history, students are expected to respond honestly with support and guidance from their college counselor. Students are encouraged to work with the college counselor on their statement to colleges, which should include an explanation of the situation and the student's reflection on what was learned from the experience. If a college contacts the college counseling office about a disciplinary situation a student has reported, we will respond with a factual report of the incident(s). When asked directly by colleges in the application process, OES reports disciplinary incidents that result in out-of-school suspension or dismissal in grades 9-12.

## Health and Safety

See the Health and Wellness section of the All-School Handbook for details about medications, physicals, forms, and vaccinations.

### **Medical Leave**

There are times when, as a result of medical or emotional challenges, full immersion in the school program is not possible. At such times, the Upper School works with students and families, to the extent possible, to accommodate a medical leave to support a student's well-being. The need for medical leave, which is granted at the discretion of the Upper School Administration and not for indefinite periods, must be certified in writing by an appropriate practitioner. The school reserves the right, in its discretion, to mandate a leave when a student's needs cannot adequately be met by OES, or when a student's continued enrollment may compromise the school's ability to serve other students, or when a student poses significant risk to self or others, including, but not limited to, exhibiting or threatening suicidal or violent behavior.

(Boarding students and families should refer to the Residential Life Section for additional details about our Medical Leave Policy.)

#### **Requirements for Medical Leave**

- The student will receive ongoing treatment by a medical professional appropriate to the student's condition.
- The family will engage in ongoing and regular communication and cooperation with the school about the student's treatment and the school's expectations during the medical leave.
- The student and family will comply with conditions set by the school.
- In consideration of the potential impact on the student and the community, students on medical leave are typically not permitted to return to campus for social or cultural events during their leave.

#### **Academic Expectations for Medical Leave**

If circumstances allow, students on Medical Leave may continue some academic work during their absence. However, because contact with teachers and other students in the classroom is considered an integral part of the academic experience at OES, continuing work while on leave is considered a temporary measure only. The viability of a student's continued work will be reviewed throughout the leave, and the school reserves the right to withdraw a student from any classes when, in the opinion of the school, a student is unable to maintain academic standing.

Students who miss coursework for a medical leave may receive an "Incomplete" on their transcript and will be allowed to make up the coursework at a later date, subject to a teacher/student plan. Once the coursework/class material is completed, these students will receive full credit and grades commensurate with their final performance. For a student unable to complete course material by the agreed upon

date, the transcript will record a “Withdrawal Passing/Failing” designation or, in some cases, the student will be required to repeat or make up credits for a semester or year-long course.

### **Return to School**

The school has the ultimate discretion on deciding whether and when a student may return from leave. In order for a student on medical leave to return to school, the family will first need to provide documentation from the current practitioner certifying the student's ability to return to school. In addition, families must sign a Release of Information in order to ensure communication between the outside physician or psychological consultant and the school. The communication will assist the school in making decisions about the student's return. The school reserves the right to send the student to an appropriate provider of its choice for a second opinion certifying the student's ability to return to school, and to base its decision whether to allow the student to return on the second opinion. Assuming the student is able to return to school, the student and family must also establish and agree to a safety plan designed by the counselor and/or medical professional.

### **Concussion Protocol**

A concussion is a traumatic injury to the brain that results in a temporary loss of normal function and manifests in symptoms such as fogginess, fatigue, or memory issues. OES follows standard OSAA protocols developed with information from the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), Center on Brain Injury Research and Training (CBIRT), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate school personnel, parents, and students about appropriate concussion management. This OES Concussion Protocol outlines school policy as it pertains to a return to academic learning as well as return-to-physical activity following a concussion. All athletic department staff and coaches are required to complete yearly training of procedures for managing sports-related concussions. Oregon law also mandates that student-athletes who exhibit signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, or who have been diagnosed with a concussion, not participate in any athletic event or training until medical release is obtained.

### **Medical Separations**

A medical separation is reserved for students who, for reasons of serious injury or illness, cannot meet the requirements of the Upper School, with or without an accommodation. Conditions that might warrant medical separations include but are not limited to: incapacitating physical, mental, or emotional illness or injury; serious drug or alcohol problems; or any medical condition requiring more treatment, support, supervision, and care than the school can provide. Following a medical separation, the student is welcome to apply for readmission to OES, if and when the student is once again able to meet the requirements of the school.

### ***Emergency Forms***

Every family is required to maintain current emergency information with the School. Before participating in any practices or games, student-athletes must have a record of current physical examination and emergency information on file in the Magnus Health Portal. For more details, see the All-School Handbook.

### ***Residence Requirement***

While enrolled at OES, students must reside with parents or legal guardians or be a part of the Boarding Program.

### **Social Media Expectations**

Social media platforms like Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Snapchat, and others offer vehicles through which members of the OES community can connect and share information, as well as create opportunities to collaborate and learn. Social media can also be a vehicle for misunderstandings and even misinformation. OES asks students to use the following guidelines to develop self-control and be accountable in upholding the community commitments to honesty, respect, and safety:

### ***Use Good Judgment***

- Consider why you are posting before doing so—What is your intent? Who is your audience? What will your post say about you or your peers?
- Seek opportunities to offer recommendations that provide value to the community.
- Be kind, respectful, and compassionate to others by posting only what you own and know.
- Do not misrepresent yourself by using someone else's identity. Pretending, in any way, to be someone else online is a violation of the Honor Code and may also violate Oregon or federal law.

### ***Make Smart Choices***

- When you see something that concerns you, makes you uncomfortable, or is not respectful, report your concerns to a trusted adult.
- Refrain from being intentionally provocative or divisive and other “trolling” forms of social media use. This includes anonymous, unofficial OES handles or pages targeting OES students or employees.
- Don’t post or pass along mass email forwards, memes, and urban legends (funny stories, videos, non-school photos, and other “spam”).
- Remember that what you post will be viewed and archived permanently online once you hit the “publish” button.
- Your commitment to the Honor Code extends to your choices online. What is inappropriate in the classroom is inappropriate online.

## ***Establish Boundaries***

- Schedule times during the day and evening when you are “device-free.”
- Be safe online. Never give out personal information, including, but not limited to, last names, phone numbers, addresses, exact birth dates, student ID numbers, and revealing or compromising pictures. Do not share your device password with anyone.
- Do not use other people's intellectual property without their permission. Copying and pasting another's original material can infringe on their copyright. It is good practice to hyperlink to your sources.
- Be aware that pictures, videos, songs, and audio clips may also be protected under copyright laws. Verify you have permission to use or download images, videos, songs, or other clips.
- Be aware of your digital footprint. Do not post anything you wouldn't want friends, enemies, parents, teachers, college admissions officers, or a future employer to see.
- Do not post photos or videos of others without their explicit consent.

## **Community Information**

### ***Upper School Hours***

- 8:25 a.m.–3:10 p.m. Week 1 and Week 2 (Except Week 1 Wednesday)
- 9:10 a.m.–3:10 p.m. Week 1 Wednesday

### ***Parking and Driving***

In addition to state and local driving regulations, student drivers must observe the following rules on campus:

- Do not exceed the maximum speed limit of 10 miles per hour anywhere on campus.
- Always yield to pedestrian traffic.
- All vehicles must be registered with the Upper School office.
- Display the parking decal on the back window of the registered car.
- Seniors may park only in the designated lot next to the practice field.
- Non-senior students who have registered their vehicles may park only at SPARC.
- Student drivers may not drive behind the Middle School except after 6 p.m. and on weekends.
- Student drivers may never drive through the access road between the dorms for any reason.



- To minimize traffic in the residential Montclair neighborhood, drivers should use alternative routes, such as Scholls Ferry Road and/or Garden Home Road.
- Dorm students may not bring motor vehicles to school or maintain motor vehicles in the local area while they are residing in the dorms. Dorm students may not drive motor vehicles at any time except in the company of their family or legal guardian, or as part of a driver education course.
- Bicycles, skateboards, or scooters must be parked (and locked if applicable) in the racks in the Drinkward Center.
- Students are required to wear helmets when riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or other such modes of transportation.

Rule violations should be reported immediately to the assistant head of upper school for community and may result in any or all of the following consequences: warning, parental notification, community repair, suspension of campus driving privileges, or referral to the Honor Council.

### ***What's Open When***

- Academic buildings are open to Upper School students starting at 7:30 a.m. and are closed at 5:00 p.m. unless participating in a supervised school activity.
- The Dining Hall is currently not open to any students for breakfast or dinner unless specifically invited for an event.
- On school days, there is no supervision of day students after 3:45 p.m., except in the Upper School Library (which closes at 5:00 p.m.) and in the Dorms, when the student is hosted by a dorm student.
- The Great Hall is open—but unsupervised—to Upper School students until 5:00 p.m. Day students must leave campus by 5:00 p.m. unless involved in a supervised school activity.
- After 3:10 p.m. and on weekends, students are not allowed in classrooms, unless supervised by an OES adult. Dorm faculty cannot supervise day students except for those students who are participating in the Backyard Exchange Program.
- Fariss Hall Fitness Center is open to all students from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. See Residential Life Section for off-hours privileges for dorm students.
- SPARC is not an open facility and should not be used without explicit permission from the SPARC manager.
- The EC3 Center is open to students from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### ***Backyard Exchange (BYE) in the Dorms***

Upper School day students are encouraged to stay overnight in the dorms for up to two weeks each year at no charge. Visiting students follow the daily schedule and expectations of boarding students, including attending study hall, family dinner, dorm meetings, and weekend activities. They also enjoy the privileges of dorm students, including access to OES campus facilities under the discretion and supervision of the dorm staff.

BYE is a great opportunity to experience independence and dorm living in anticipation of the college years and life beyond high school. Students or families

interested in learning more about this program should contact the Assistant Director of Residential Life.

### ***Whom to Contact When***

In order to promote the development of the skill of self-advocacy, students are encouraged to directly communicate questions and concerns to their teachers, counselor, advisor, dorm parent, and other adults in the community. If there is a concern in a particular class, whether about homework, grades or progress, it is best that the student meets with the teacher first, as this is the primary relationship. If, after this step, it is determined that more support is needed, the student should consult the advisor, who might also involve the assistant head of upper school for academics, the department chair, the Counselor, the Learning Resource Coordinator, or the Dorm Academics Resource Team (DART). In the event that parents or guardians have questions or concerns of their own, the advisor and/or dorm parent is always a good starting point, followed by the assistant head of upper school for academics and the head of upper school. For a complete list of whom to contact and when, see the Upper School contacts list.

### ***Field Trips***

All parents/guardians sign Field Trip and Overnight Permission forms during re-enrollment/enrollment. Additional permission forms will be distributed as necessary. Student safety on all trips is the primary goal; therefore, in the event of medical, emotional, or behavioral concerns that call into question whether the student is prepared to meet the challenges of the trip and/or may pose a threat to their own safety or that of others, the student will not be allowed to go on the trip.

### ***Dress Code***

The Upper School dress code reflects the spirit of respect and inclusivity we value as a learning community, and seeks to promote student well-being and individuality. Students are accountable for choosing clothing that lets them participate in all aspects of school and follows health standards. Ultimately, the responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians as long as these guidelines are followed:

- Students may not wear clothing that displays images and/or words related to violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, profanity, pornography, and hate speech.
- Shoes, tops, and bottoms must be worn at all times.
- Clothing must cover undergarments and/or areas normally covered by undergarments.
- Students must change clothes in restrooms and not in public spaces.
- Students should always follow particular dress norms for specific classes as requested by a teacher (protective eyewear in science or closed-toe shoes in the tech arts, for example).
- When in Chapel, students should remove hats or hoods, except in religious or cultural observance.

OES adults with concerns regarding students' clothing choices are expected to have discreet and respectful conversations with the student, or speak directly to the assistant head of upper school for community. Students are expected to comply with any OES employees request to address a violation of the dress code. Repeated and/or significant dress code violations may result in more serious consequences, including notification of parents or referral to the Honor Council.

### ***Student Elections and Leadership***

The Upper School takes seriously the student commitment to leadership and engagement. There are many opportunities for students to be active leaders of athletic teams, affinity groups, clubs, and activities. Boarding students can apply to be Prefects (please see Residential Life Section of the All-School Handbook for more details), and all students in grades 9 to 12 can run for elected office in one of the three branches of student government: Policy Board, Community Board, or Honor Council. Students cannot serve in more than one branch in a given school year. Each spring, students elect a Student Body President for a year-long term. Elections are overseen by the assistant head of upper school for community in partnership with the Policy Board Faculty Advisor.

### ***Cell Phone Usage***

Possession of and use of cell phones at school is permitted as a privilege, not a right or necessity. During class time, when students are expected to be present, responsive, and available to others, cell phones must be on silent and stored in classroom phone organizers. Use of cell phones is not permitted in Chapel or Gathering, unless explicitly invited for the purposes of an event or activity.

Students are asked to be cognizant of how their cell phone use affects others, and to recognize that direct, face-to-face communication contributes to an environment of respect, inclusivity, safety, and mutual trust. Faculty and staff may temporarily confiscate cell phones that are being used in ways that interfere with students' individual and collaborative learning or the community expectations.

Students are asked to be thoughtful about their use of headphones (including wireless headphones like AirPods). Headphones can isolate students and can limit natural moments of community. Non-medically necessary headphones are not permitted during Chapel, Gathering, and other community events.

### ***Absences and Attendance***

Students are expected to attend all classes and school-day events. In the event of a full or partial-day absence, a parent or guardian must report their student's absence via the Veracross Parent Portal. Boarding students may only be excused by the nurse, assistant director of residential life, or director of residential life. The attendance coordinator reports all absences to faculty. Students who are absent should contact both their advisor and their teachers directly to inquire about missed assignments, assessments, or other content for which they are responsible.

## **Arrive on Time**

Upper School classes begin promptly at 8:25 a.m. on all days except late start Wednesday, when classes begin at 9:10 a.m. Arriving a few minutes early to greet friends and put away belongings is considered respectful practice, as late arrivals disrupt the learning of others. Students arriving late to school are expected to sign in with the attendance office, located in the College Counseling wing of the library. Please see the excessive tardy policy below.

## **Stay on Campus**

Students may not leave campus during the school day, which ends at 3:10 p.m. If a student has an unavoidable appointment during the school day, a parent must notify the Attendance Office in advance via the Veracross Parent Portal. Students who leave campus for appointments must sign out at the reception desk at the main entrance before leaving campus and sign back in when they return. Students are not permitted to arrive late or leave early due to Open Blocks.

## **Off-Campus Privileges**

Seniors may leave the campus alone or with other seniors during lunch when they have no other obligations. All students with off-campus privileges must sign out in the Attendance Office before they leave and sign in upon their return. Students with off-campus privileges may not bring back food for students in grades 9 to 11. Abuse of the privilege, including leaving campus with students in grades 9 to 11, will result in its loss. OES does not assume responsibility for students driving other students.

## **Planned Student Absences**

Although students are best served by being present in class during the entire duration of the term, there are situations when students may experience an extended absence from school. In circumstances when a student is unable to be present at school, students are responsible for the classwork they miss and the assignments that are due. Students who anticipate missing three or more consecutive days from school or OES programming must complete a **Request for Extended Absence** form at least one week before the proposed absence. This form details the student expectations for managing an extended absence. Approval for extended absences is granted by the Assistant Head of Upper School for Academics. Students are expected to meet with all their teachers at least one week ahead of the planned absence as well as with their advisor to create a plan for managing the workload in each class. Upon return to school, students are expected to be ready to take any assessments they might have missed.

## **Excessive Absences**

OES students are expected to attend every class, except when they have made prior arrangements, or when they have an emergency or health-related problems.

Students who are absent more than 10 classes/semester in a single course, for regardless of the reason except an approved medical leave, will not receive credit for the course and will receive a Withdraw Fail (WF) on their transcript.

Absences in excess of 10 school days that are not due to a medical leave may warrant a full review of a student's attendance and overall academic record to determine appropriate next steps, up to and including probationary status, loss of course credit, or withholding of the re-enrollment contract for the following year. *Please see the All-School Handbook for additional attendance policy information.*

### **Excessive Tardies**

OES students are expected to be punctual, recognizing that arriving late to school or to an individual class can be disruptive to the student's learning and to others. Students must be in the classroom and ready to begin when the second bell rings. Attendance will be taken at the second bell. If a student arrives after the bell rings, they are considered tardy no matter how long after class they arrive. After 40 minutes late to a class they are considered absent.

After three tardies in a given course, the student, advisor, and parent will receive a notification. After five, a student will meet with their advisor and the assistant head of upper school for community to address their pattern of lateness.

Persistent and unexcused tardiness may result in a formal review of a student's attendance and academic record and could include probationary status, loss of course credit, or withholding of a re-enrollment contract for the following year.

### **After-School Event Participation**

Students who have afternoon or evening commitments through OES, such as extracurricular activities, dances, or theater, must be in school all day in order to participate, unless they have a medical appointment with a note from the doctor.

### **Athletic Attendance**

The OES Athletic Program sees developing responsibility for self and others as a key component of participation. Students who choose to join an OES team are committing to attending all practices and games for the entire season and are expected to be present whenever possible, even when injured. Any anticipated absences must be communicated ahead of time to the coach.

Students must be in school all day in order to participate in practice or games. Occasionally, there may be short-term absences during the school day (e.g., a doctor's appointment) which do not violate the spirit of the rule. In such instances, students are responsible for obtaining permission from the directors of Athletics.

### ***Deliveries to Campus***

To ensure safety for all students, students are not allowed to order food for delivery to campus at any time. Seniors who leave campus for lunch may not bring back food for themselves or other students.

Families needing to get an item to a student during the school day (8:25 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.) should go to the Main Office in the Upper School building.

## ***School Dance Expectations***

School dances, which are chaperoned by members of the faculty and administration, are opportunities for students to socialize and relax. All school rules apply, and, as is the case with all-school functions, alcohol, drugs, weapons, and illegal substances are strictly forbidden. Failing to follow these policies or any reasonable request from a chaperone at a school dance may result in restriction from future dances.

- Any student who comes to a dance intoxicated, is under the influence of drugs, or brings illegal drugs or alcohol to a dance, is in violation of a Major School Rule.
- Once students leave a dance, they may not return.
- OES dress code applies during dances; students who are not in compliance will be asked to change or leave the dance.
- Students who choose to attend a school dance must maintain the same level of respect toward classmates and adult chaperones that they would show at any other school function.
- Sexually explicit dance moves are not permitted at dances.
- Per our Bullying, Hazing, and Harassment policy, songs played must be clean versions and students may not sing lyrics that might be perceived as slurs, including those that use words that could reasonably offend others, such as racially derogatory terms or other profanity or vulgar language.
- Guests must be registered and accompanied by the OES student who invited them. Guests must comply with the community expectations.
- Students in grade 8 are not permitted at OES dances, nor are guests over age 20 or who have graduated from high school.



# RESIDENTIAL LIFE

## Program Information

### Contact Information:

Dorm Cell Phone: 503-515-5797  
Director's Office: 503-416-9487

### Mailing Address:

Student's Name  
OES Dorms  
6300 SW Nicol Road  
Portland, Oregon 97223

### Residential Life Administration:

Director of Residential Life: Meredith Primm  
Assistant Director of Residential Life: Peter Buonincontro

# OES Residential Community

## OES MISSION

Oregon Episcopal School prepares students for higher education and lifelong learning by inspiring intellectual, physical, social, emotional, artistic, and spiritual growth so that they may realize their power for good as citizens of local and world communities.

## Values of Our Community

Our residential community provides a transformative educational experience in which students grow, gain a greater understanding of themselves and their responsibilities in the greater community, and develop independence. As an inclusive learning community, we support students physically, emotionally, and intellectually; foster joy in learning and living with others; and ensure that all feel safe. Therefore, we expect members of the community to:

- Open their minds and hearts to the views and experiences of others, creating space for all to belong and to thrive;
- Practice the values that nurture healthy relationships: respect, honesty, and compassion in particular;
- Risk and reflect in the pursuit of continual growth;
- Exercise responsible citizenship through local and global engagement, service, and environmental stewardship; and
- Commit to high standards of scholarship and personal conduct.

Each student is required to know and comply with our expectations and rules. No one should expect to be preemptively warned to adhere to them, and an assertion of ignorance of a rule will not be accepted as an excuse for a violation of it. Rules and policies may be modified or amended during the school year. Such changes, if and when they are made, will be publicized to the community.

All students have access to the dorms, restrooms, and school facilities that correspond with their gender identity and expression. Our current housing system is binary, and students are placed in female or male dorms. If you have any questions, concerns, or individual requests, please contact the Director of Residential Life.

## **Parent Partnership**

Parents are encouraged to be active in their student's education and life at OES, and to remain in communication with their student's dorm parent, other Residential Life staff, and Upper School advisors and faculty. We see ourselves as partners in supporting and parenting dorm students while they are in our care. Parents are also expected to be aware of OES rules, policies, and educational philosophy, and to support their students in following our expectations. If a parent has a question about a rule or needs to ask for an exception to a policy, they should contact the assistant director or director of Residential Life.

Parents should contact dorm parents or administrators with questions, concerns, and/or helpful information about their student. A dorm parent is available during non-school hours by calling the dorm cell phone (503-515-5797). During school hours, parents should contact the Director of Residential Life (503-416-9487). OES uses a professional interpretation and translation service, if needed, which can be used on short notice, as well as for planned conversations.

Parents are always welcome to provide information to or seek information from the dorm parent, dorm administrators, academic advisor, medical professional, Upper School counselor, International Student Resource Coordinator or Learning Resource Coordinator. Families are also welcome to visit campus and can make arrangements ahead of time to meet with teachers and administrators. Finally, if a student has a complex problem to solve relating to travel, finances, special visa needs, or requires assistance from a consulate or embassy, students and families should contact the Assistant Director of Residential Life for in-town support.

## **Life in the Dorms**

### ***Amenities***

Rooms are supplied with a bed, mattress, desk, desk chair, window coverings, and overhead lighting. Each room has a closet, a set of shelves, and drawers. Students are advised not to bring additional furniture. Students should furnish their own bedding and pillows.

## **Room Guidelines**

Rooms should be kept reasonably clean and neat at all times, and they will be checked by Residential Faculty for cleanliness on a weekly basis. Dormitory rooms and their furnishings, except those a student brings from home, are the property of OES, and at the end of the year they should be in the condition in which they started the year.

The following guidelines apply to all dormitory rooms for the safety, privacy, and well-being of each student as well as the good of the community:

- All food items should be stored in sealed containers or in a refrigerator.
- Rooms should be kept unlocked whenever a student is in the room.
- Students may enter another student's room only with permission and when that student is present.
- Students may not remove or damage window coverings.
- Power strips must be surge protected.
- Students may only use approved wall adhesive and hooks available in the dorm office.
- Self-adhesive LED light strips can be mounted with approved wall adhesive or hooks, not with the self-adhesive backing on the lights.
- Empty alcoholic beverage containers, drug paraphernalia, lewd or offensive images, or other illicit items may not be used to decorate rooms.
- Beds must remain in their original location at all times.
- Student decorations and poster/art content may not contain derogatory images or language.
- Pets are not permitted.

## **Fire Safety Precautions**

- Tapestries may be used if hung flush against the wall and at least 18" from the ceiling.
- Closet doors should remain closed.
- The hallways outside rooms must remain clear of all belongings, including shoes.
- Burning candles and/or incense is not permitted in dormitory rooms. If a student wishes to perform a cultural or spiritual practice that involves incense or fire, that student should contact the Director of Residential Life.
- Power strips must be surge protected.
- Fire-fighting equipment should not be tampered or covered with in any way. This applies to smoke detectors as well as fire extinguishers.

## **Additional Items/Appliances**

- Allowed: Computers, one monitor (no larger than 27"), stereos, docking stations, clocks, fans, hair dryers, hair irons, electric razors, battery-powered holiday light strings, mini-refrigerators\*, electric water kettle, and radios
- Not Allowed: Electric heat lamps, halogen lamps, extension cords, extra video screens/monitors, plug-in air fresheners, cooking devices including, but not limited to, toasters, stoves,, microwaves, hot plates, and fry pans.

*\*Refrigerators must be plugged directly into an outlet (not a power strip) and students will clean them out at regular intervals. Refrigerators must be cleaned out during breaks or in the event of a student's prolonged absence.*

## **Safety and Privacy**

All external dormitory doors are electronically locked and controlled. Upon arrival each student is issued and then subsequently responsible for a fob, which provides access to their dormitories and other buildings during approved times, and a room key. Students are expected to use their key and fob and should not give it to anyone else to use for any reason, including other dorm students. Students will be asked to show their keys and fobs to dorm parents at regular intervals, and must report lost or missing keys and fobs to dorm parents immediately.

To help protect personal property, each room has been equipped with a lockable drawer and closet. Students are required to have a lock for one or both of these spaces and should use them to keep valuables, cash, and important documents. Students should keep their doors locked when they are not in their rooms, and should not enter another student's room in their absence. OES is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen.

Theft is rare, but students should exercise common sense in deciding whether to bring valuables from home. Marking common items with one's name, labeling food items in the common fridges, keeping track of one's belongings, tending to laundry, and not leaving money visible or in obvious locations are all advisable practices. While we encourage privacy, we also value safety and community-building. As such, students are expected to keep their doors unlocked when they are in their rooms.

OES employs a security service to patrol the school grounds on nights and weekends. We are committed to maintaining a safe campus and ask that students and families immediately report anything of concern to a dorm parent or administrator.

## **Deliveries to Campus**

Students may not order food deliveries to campus without the express approval of the dorm parent on duty or the assistant director or director of Residential Life.

## ***Occupancy and Room Changes***

Dormitory rooms are assigned for the entire school year and are not available for use during vacations. Students may host other students for sleepovers only within certain guidelines (see Overnight Guests). Students may not stay late at the start of or return early from vacations. If a student needs a local host when the dorms are closed, they should contact the Assistant Director of Residential Life.

## **Room Inspection**

For reasons pertaining to health and fire safety, students are expected to keep their rooms clean. Dorm staff inspects the rooms weekly to check that they meet current cleanliness standards. Prior to departing for a weekend or other obligation, students must be sure their room is clean and ready for weekly room inspection. Being off campus does not excuse a student from room inspection. Failure to meet room inspection standards will result in a loss of privileges.

Rooms are also inspected at the end of the year and are expected to be cleaned and free of all belongings, trash, and recycling. Rooms that require significant cleaning may incur a cleaning charge. Damage to rooms or school-issued furniture may result in fines for repair or replacement.

## **Room Searches**

Dorm staff may enter a student's room if there is a concern about that student's whereabouts or safety. On rare occasions, circumstances may warrant a formal search for prohibited items in a student's room. In most cases, dormitory staff will conduct the search accompanied by the Assistant Director of Residential Life or the Director of Residential Life, ideally with the student present. There may be cases where a search must be done without the student present. Students will be informed that a search has taken place and what, if any, items were removed.

## ***Study Hall***

On four school nights, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, Study Hall occurs from 7:00 to 9 p.m. Once study hall begins, quiet hours are in effect until 7 a.m. the following morning. All students are required to participate in Study Hall in the Upper School, unless they have applied and been approved for In-Room or Independent Study Hall.

There is no Study Hall on Wednesday nights to make time and space for family dinner and dorm community time, but students are expected to maintain quiet hours and complete their school work on their own on Wednesday evenings. This is an opportunity for students to develop and practice independent time management and study skills; students are invited to work in the lounges together on homework and shared projects.

Families should not contact students during Study Hall Hours, unless their child has Independent Study Hall, or in case of emergency. Families should contact the dorm phone at (503) 515-5797 during these hours if needed.

## Study Hall Information & Guidelines

- Students should arrive by 7:00 p.m., stay until 9:00 p.m., and cannot return to the dorms.
- Students should complete OES school work during study hall and should not schedule outside online courses or tutoring during this time.
- Students in proctored study hall will turn in their cell phones for the duration. Those with in-room study hall should not use their cell phones and will be monitored.
- There are multiple work spaces available for student use (quiet room, collaborative work, group study and project work, academic support and writing help, etc.), and students should use these spaces as they're intended.
- A dorm faculty member and prefect will be on Study Hall duty; when needed, they will help students make healthy study choices, and students are expected to follow their recommendations.
- Students who return to campus during Study Hall hours from athletic events or school activities should go straight to Study Hall.
- If a student knows they will miss Study Hall hours due to an athletic event or school activity, they should do the following:
  - Make a study plan ahead of time with a dorm parent (including time and location of study).
  - Complete **Early Study Hall** before they leave for their event, and have a faculty member sign off on completion.
  - Email the dorm faculty member on Study Hall duty (as noted on the dorm calendar) with Early Study Hall information.
- Students should clean up after themselves and be sure their spaces are in good condition before they leave.
- Repeated violations of the rules and expectations will result in restriction of residential privileges.

## Independent Study Hall Information & Guidelines

10th, 11th, and 12th-graders who apply for independent Study Hall may be given the privilege and responsibility to manage their own study time. Prefects are granted Independent Study Hall because their leadership role in the dorm requires flexibility.

- Students can apply for Independent Study Hall by completing an application with DART (Dorm Academic Resource Team) .
- 10th graders can apply after the 1st semester; 11th and 12th graders can apply after the 1st quarter.
- Applications are accepted & approved on a rolling basis.
- In collaboration with the student's advisor and dorm parent, DART will determine if a student is granted Independent Study Hall.



- Once approved, a student is not guaranteed Independent Study Hall for the following school year; DART will review each student's academic standing and use of Independent Study Hall from the previous year to determine if they'll begin the new school year with Independent Study Hall.

Students can earn and maintain the privilege of Independent Study Hall by:

- Demonstrating good habits with meeting deadlines, self-advocacy, problem-solving, and general academic communications.
- Maintaining academic integrity and upholding the Upper School Honor Code.
- Communicating with the appropriate teacher(s) and DART about their use of any tutors.
- Responding to any interim with a written action plan submitted to dorm administration.
- Showing responsibility in the use of their time by not distracting other students during Study Hall hours, and continuing to perform well academically.
- Following technology use and lights out expectations in the dorms.
- During Independent Study Hall, students can:
  - Be in their rooms or in the lounges of both dorms if they maintain quiet hour expectations.
  - Choose to attend Study Hall if they adhere to Study Hall expectations (see above). The only exception is that they do not have to stay the entire time.
  - Sign out to places on campus until 9:00 p.m. (with dorm parent approval).

At any time, if a student does not adhere to Independent Study Hall expectations or if their advisor, dorm parent, or DART deems it necessary for their academic success, they can be required to attend Study Hall for a determined duration of time.

### ***Academic Support and Tutors***

At times, our students may want or require additional academic support beyond the classroom time. OES offers several programs and people that are the best first choices and provided at no additional cost to students. These resources are specifically trained in OES' model of learning and understand what teachers are asking and expecting. Tutors should only be considered once these resources have been thoroughly used and after consultation with DART. These resources include, but are not limited to, peer academic mentors, peer study groups, advisors, and learning resource coordinators.

### **Tutors**

OES has several tutors available for referral that have been approved by our academic departments, and these tutors should be considered first if a tutor is needed. If a student is considering outside of OES academic support, they should schedule an

appointment with DART to determine if that tutor fits with OES's academic program. Students who fail to report tutors or other academic support resources will be considered in violation of our academic honesty policy.

All tutors should:

- Establish communication and work closely with the student's OES teacher(s) in the relevant subject area(s).
- Continue to support the students' English language learning and contact the International Student Resource Coordinator about English language support needs (if applicable).
- Be in regular contact with DART.
- Schedule meetings outside of Study Hall and other OES obligations.

### **Additional Coursework and AP Course Policies**

In order to thrive at OES, students need to be focused on their OES academic, extracurricular, and social endeavors. Enrolling in additional coursework, including AP courses online, is detrimental to their success as a student and community member of our program. Students are not permitted to take additional coursework online or otherwise, except for SAT/ACT and TOEFL preparation courses. If you have questions about this policy, please contact the Head of Upper School.

### **Technology**

While technology is a positive and integral part of a student's academic and extracurricular life at OES and in the dorms, students in the dorms are expected to follow OES technology guidelines, use technology in healthy and productive ways, and develop and practice appropriate technology skills and boundaries.

#### **Open Tech**

Only students with Independent Study Hall have open tech. They should demonstrate healthy study and sleep habits, good time management strategies, and effective boundaries with technology.

Students with Independent Study Hall may store cell phones, tablets, laptops, and other devices in their rooms after 10:30 p.m., but they are expected to be off tech after 10:30 p.m. and with their lights out and in bed by 11:00pm.

At any time, if a student does not adhere to open tech expectations, or if it's deemed necessary for their health and wellbeing and/or academic success, they will be required to turn in their tech overnight or on the weekends.

#### **Closed Tech**

To help students develop and maintain good technology and sleep habits, all students who do not have Independent Study Hall must turn in all cell phones, tablets, laptops, and other internet-connected devices to their designated tech turn-in space before 10:30 p.m. on school nights, Sunday-Thursday. The dorm parent or prefect on duty will check in each student's tech.

To help with sleep hygiene, students are permitted to have devices that don't connect to the internet, like alarm clocks and sound machines.

Laptops and cell phones will be secured in the charging station and available for pick-up after 7 a.m. Cell phones should be powered off.

### **Late Tech & Late Lights**

If a student needs to use their technology past 10:30 p.m. (but no later than 11 p.m.), or needs to keep their lights on past 11 p.m. (but no later than 11:30 p.m.), they should make a plan with the dorm parent on duty by 9:30 p.m. The dorm parent can deny or approve the request or offer an alternative solution in collaboration with the student.

If a student is approved for late tech, they are required to work on their tech in a community space (the dorm office or either lounge) and must promptly turn their tech in by 11 p.m. to the dorm parent on duty.

Late tech and late light requests cannot be made on Sunday nights since students have had the weekend to complete their school work.

### **Tech Refreshes**

At times throughout the school year, the whole dorm community (those with open & closed tech) will be required to turn in their technology for a determined duration of time. These tech refreshes are intended to build community relationships, and encourage a reset with technology use and boundaries.

### ***Check-In / Curfew***

Sunday through Thursday, all students must be in their respective dorms and checked in with the dorm parent on duty by 10:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, 9th and 10th graders must be back on campus by 11 p.m.; 11th and 12th graders by midnight. All students must be checked in to their respective dorms by midnight.

Students are responsible for checking in with the dorm parent on duty, and once they have checked in, they may not leave their dorm building until the next morning (6 a.m. at the earliest, unless traveling at break times). Leaving the dorm building after check in is a serious violation of dorm rules and expectations and will result in significant consequences and loss of privileges.

### ***In Room and Lights Out***

On school nights, students are expected to be in their rooms for the night by 10:30 p.m. They should use this time to wind down, to get ready for bed, and be off technology, unless they have requested Late Lights. Seniors may leave their rooms after 10:30 p.m. to shower, use the restroom, or go to the dorm office.

In order to get the required amount of sleep doctors recommend for healthy brain development, and to be prepared for the rigors of the academic day, students must have lights out and be in bed by 11 p.m. unless they have been granted Late Lights.

## ***Internet Access and Computer Use***

All dorm rooms are equipped with wireless Internet. The OES Information Technology (IT) Department helps students with laptop setup and with maintaining network connections in the academic buildings and dorms.

Students have Internet access in the dorms before and after the school day from 6 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. (any Late Lights work will be offline). We restrict certain types of Internet use through the use of web filters in the dorm and academic buildings during school hours, study hall, and on the weekends to promote student health and wellness, to discourage long hours of gaming and other screen time activities, to encourage participation in our activity programs, and to encourage face-to-face communication and engagement.

OES uses software and web filters that restrict access to sites known to contain inappropriate material, including pornographic sites. While the school does its best to block all inappropriate sites, due to the nature of the Internet, it is impossible to restrict access to all objectionable materials. Other sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive to some people.

*For more information on computer use, see the All-School and Upper School Acceptable Use Policies.*

## ***Driving, Vehicle, and Transportation Policy***

Dorm student use of a vehicle without permission is not permitted. No dorm student may have a vehicle at school and any dorm student who keeps a vehicle within a 30-mile radius of the school, except at the student's home, will be considered in violation of this rule. A dorm student may drive a vehicle only when accompanied by that student's parent or legal guardian. No other student, except siblings, may ride in the vehicle that a dorm student is driving without permission from the director of residential life. Students may ride in OES vehicles with OES employees, or, in rare occasions, a private vehicle of an OES employee. Students may take public transportation, taxis, or rideshares (if they meet mandated age requirements; see below). Hitchhiking is not permitted under any circumstances.

### ***Open Driving***

If a parent/guardian has given permission through our Boarding Permissions form, students may ride in a private vehicle with day students, day families, cab companies, and other non-OES adults with specific parental permission and consent. Dorm staff will use their discretion when approving sign-outs that include transportation by vehicle.

## **Closed Driving**

Students with closed driving may only drive with their families or legal guardians, OES employees, a licensed and insured cab or shuttle company, or an adult that has been designated by families.

## **Transportation and Rideshare**

Students often use public transportation and private cab companies to travel outside of the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. Students can purchase TriMet (bus, light-rail, and commuter train) passes at Trimet. There are several cab companies in the area that are easy to contact and use.

Transportation for medical, dental, or counseling appointments are coordinated by the medical professional. Students needing transportation for academic reasons or for personal needs may submit a ride request. While we cannot accommodate all requests, dorm parents do their best to support the needs of our students and if they cannot drive a student, they can help arrange transportation and charge the student's account. For school-related transportation needs we often arrange rides with day families and students, OES employees, or a private taxi company.

Transportation to and from the airport, train, or bus station on designated days before and after breaks is provided free of charge. Students may be required to wait at the airport longer than usual before they depart or after they arrive to accommodate all transportation needs during these busy travel times. Students who leave early or arrive late and miss required dorm or Upper School programming will need to make and pay for their own transportation. The director of residential life or another dorm parent can assist students in making arrangements, if needed.

In accordance with state laws, only students who are over 18 or are riding with someone over 18 and who have permission from their families, can use a rideshare company such as Uber or Lyft. Students found in violation of this policy may lose off-campus privileges for a period of time or other consequences through the conduct process.

## **Visitation and Overnight Guests**

### **Lounge Visitation**

All day students are welcome to visit with peers in dorm lounges, except after 7:30 p.m. on school nights. Day students should be hosted by a dorm student or check in with the dorm parent on duty. Non-OES guests (students, alumni, and families) are welcome to socialize in the lounges with a dorm student, but are not allowed in dorm rooms or hallways without permission from the dorm parent on duty.

*\*Students may use the lounges to study independently or in groups during study hall hours with permission from the dorm parent on duty.*

### **In-Room Visitation**

In-room visitation promotes learning, friendship, partner or group study, and community among students. All students have the privilege to visit rooms when the occupant of the room is present and during the posted hours. Day students and other visitors must sign in and out with the dorm parent on duty. Students should

expect periodic visits from the dorm parent on duty. Licensing requirements do not allow non-OES student or family visitors, including alumni, over the age of 18 in dorm rooms.

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the Upper School Honor Code and in a way that honors our commitment to creating a residential environment characterized by safety, trust, inclusivity, and respect for all. While a dorm room may feel more private than the lounges, it remains a shared space in which community members should feel comfortable entering or walking by. It is not an appropriate space for sexually intimate behavior or behavior that makes roommates or others feel unwelcome. Additionally, during study and quiet hours, hallways must remain quiet. During visitation, the door must remain fully open and lights on regardless of the relationship status of students. Students should behave in a manner that is respectful of roommates and others in the hallway. Students found misusing the privilege or in violation of the In-Room Visitation Policy may lose the privilege for a period of time and/or face disciplinary consequences.

#### In-Room Visitation Hours (for double-occupancy rooms)

Monday-Thursday 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friday 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. for seniors)

Saturday 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. for seniors)

Sunday 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Co-ed Visitation Hours (in room and on hallways, regardless of room occupancy)

Monday-Thursday 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Overnight Guests (not through Backyard Exchange)**

Students wishing to host an overnight OES day student on a weekend night may request permission from the director of residential life, and the guest's parent must contact the dorm parent on duty to provide parental permission by 5 p.m. the night of the requested stay. Consistent with the roommate agreement, students who wish to host a sleepover guest must obtain their roommate's permission as well. A day student guest is expected to follow all rules of the program and the host is ultimately responsible for ensuring that they do so. The host is also expected to accompany their guest at all times.

Outside guest sleepovers are not permitted except under special circumstances and only with the permission of the Assistant Director of Residential Life or Director of Residential Life. No outside guests over the age of 18 are ever permitted to stay in the dorms overnight, including alumni.

### ***Fire and Earthquake Safety and Drills***

To ensure maximum safety, everyone should be familiar with the evacuation procedures for their dorm building and any other facilities in which they spend extended periods of time. Drills will be run by the Safety Team to measure timing



and efficacy of evacuation. Students are expected to comply with all fire and earthquake drill instructions.

In case of fire, smoke, earthquake, or any alarm sounding in the dormitory, students should:

- Pull the fire alarm immediately if there is an active fire (as opposed to smoke from something burning in the toaster or microwave).
- Leave the building quickly via the nearest available exit. Evacuation routes are posted in each dormitory. Doors to rooms should be left unlocked during evacuation. Make no attempt to save personal belongings.
- Assemble outside the building at prearranged areas so that a roll call can be taken by prefects and dorm parents.
- Assuming it is safe to do so, dorm parents on duty and maintenance staff will check all rooms as students exit the buildings to make sure everyone is out.

## **The Academic Day**

### **Breakfast Check-In**

In order to build healthy morning habits and routines, all students, except seniors, are required to check-in with the breakfast check-in coordinator in the dining hall by 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and by 8:40 a.m. on late start Wednesday. Excessive tardiness to breakfast check-in will result in a loss of privileges. Seniors who miss their first period class more than once or who are repeatedly tardy to first period will be required to attend breakfast check-in for a period of time.

### **Daily Attendance**

Students are expected to attend school unless they have been excused by the medical professional or Assistant Director of Residential Life. Families and guardians cannot excuse a student from school without first consulting with the Director of Residential Life. *(Please see Upper School Medical Excuse Policy.)* Students are expected to arrive at all required aspects of the OES Upper School and Residential Life program on time, prepared, and ready to participate as needed. Required programs include classes, athletics practices and events, co-curricular obligations, Dorm Family Dinner, Dorm Community Meeting, Study Hall, and other Upper School and All-School events. Missing Residential Life or Upper School programming may indicate the need for greater attention to a student's well-being and quality of life, and may result in disciplinary and/or academic consequences. *(Please see Upper School Attendance Policy for more details).*

### **Access to Dorms during School Day**

Seniors who have earned dorm access privileges are allowed to access their respective dorm building during lunch and open blocks. Students in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, and students in 12th grade who have lost dorm access, are not allowed to enter the dorms between 8:25 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. for any reason. Anyone who does not follow these expectations will face disciplinary consequences and repeated infractions will cause all seniors to lose access to the dorms.

After October 1, students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade who require access to the dorms in an urgent situation may check out a fob from the Residential Life office in the Upper School. Students who make a habit of checking out the fob or who do not return it in a timely manner will lose that privilege.

### ***Family Dinner and Dorm Meeting***

Wednesday evenings are reserved for family dinner and the dorm community meeting. Students are required to attend both and should plan all other activities and commitments around these two weekly events. Students need to be in the dining hall and sitting with their family by 6 p.m. and attend the meeting that follows and lasts until approximately 7:15 p.m. Students who are repeatedly late to dinner or miss the community meeting will need to meet with their dorm parent to recommit to the program and will likely lose other privileges. Coaches and other OES faculty and staff are aware of these commitments and will allow students to leave activities early on Wednesday in order to attend family dinner.

Approximately once a month, students will be asked to dress formally for Wednesday night dinner. These special evenings are typically centered on celebrating an American or international holiday, and have become important traditions in the dorms. Students should plan to bring an outfit or two that is significantly more formal than their everyday clothes. This may mean a jacket, collared shirt, dress pants, a dress or nice skirt, blouses, or formal dress that is traditional to a student's home country and/or culture. These outfits will also be appropriate for other formal events at OES, including science fairs, college interviews, and school-sponsored dances.

### ***Afternoon and Evening Attendance***

In order to encourage participation in athletics, the performing arts, and other extracurricular activities OES offers—as well as outdoor activities and socializing—dorm parents strongly discourage online gaming in rooms, or watching television and movies in the lounge or on laptops in rooms on Monday through Thursday afternoons. Students should expect the dorm parent on duty to check rooms in the afternoon and encourage students who are gaming or watching TV to engage in other activities, such as using the Fariss Hall fitness center, resting, studying, socializing with friends, playing pool or table tennis, or reading.

Regularly scheduled afternoon or evening athletic practices or events, performing arts or music events, study hall, dorm meetings, and evening jobs take precedence over all other appointments. Whenever possible, students are expected to inform dorm parents well in advance of possible conflicts and seek to avoid conflicts. Students should not schedule tutoring, test prep classes, or other appointments without consulting their dorm parent or Residential Life administration.

Evening jobs take place on Wednesday and Sunday nights and are run by the prefects on duty that week. Students are expected to participate and follow prefect or dorm parent expectations around cleaning the communal spaces. Occasionally, students will be asked to perform various chores other afternoons or evenings if the facilities require attention.

## **Absences**

In order to thrive in our academic, residential, and extracurricular programs, permission to be away from school is rarely granted, and only then in accordance with rules established by the Upper School and Residential Life faculty and administration. No binding commitments or transportation arrangements should be made until the student has discussed their plans with OES. Families should contact their child's academic advisor or dorm parent to discuss any non-school-sponsored absences in advance, including college visits, family weddings, special holidays, and personal trips.

Requests to be absent from school must demonstrate that the benefits of such an absence clearly outweigh the disadvantages of being away. A detailed request must be made to the Director of Residential Life well in advance of the departure date. For details about the permission process, students should consult with the assistant head of upper school for academics. Students with special needs or talents who anticipate prolonged or multiple absences must meet with their advisor and the Assistant Head of Upper School for Academics to outline a plan that serves their needs and accommodates the expectations of both the Upper School and Residential Life programs.

## **Unexcused Absences**

*For more details on Attendance and Absences, please see the Upper School Section.*

## **Off Campus Permissions**

For safety reasons, students are considered off campus if they exit campus over the bridge on Nicol Road, through the SPARC gate into the Frank Estates, or past the SPARC gate onto Oleson Road. The wetlands are off limits without supervision from an OES staff member. Failure to follow these expectations will result in loss of off-campus privileges and/or disciplinary action.

## **Sign-Out**

When leaving campus, students must be accompanied by at least one other person. Students in grade 12 and those in the fourth quarter of grade 11 may request independent sign-out privileges.

Students who wish to leave campus must sign out individually, and in person, with the dorm parent on duty before leaving campus, and provide information about their mode of transportation, destination, and return time. Students who need to request a sign-out before the end of the school day should sign out the night before or during the day with a dorm administrator. During weekday afternoons, students who do not have other obligations may sign out for the Raleigh Hills/Garden Home neighborhoods (15 to 20 minute walk from campus). On weekends, students may sign out to destinations outside of these neighborhoods, but still within the Portland area.

## **Overnight Sign-out**

Students who have written permission from their families may sign out overnight with family, local guardians, and OES families on weekend nights. In order to fully transition into the boarding community, new students and those in grade 9 may sign out overnight on weekends only after the first weekend in October, and may take two weekends off campus in the first semester and three in the second.

Returning students in grades 10, 11, and 12 may sign out after the second full weekend once classes begin, and take up to three weekends off campus in the first semester, and four in the second. College visits and other OES obligations do not count towards these totals.

If a parent would like to take their student out of the dorms during the school week or for an extended period of time, they need to contact the Director of Residential Life. We have found that extended leaves from the program to stay with families locally rarely improves performance on standardized tests, science projects, assessments, or other major academic experiences. Furthermore, the distraction, disruption, and change in routine is usually detrimental.

Routine overnight requests should be made to the dorm parent on duty or a dorm administrator. Weekend requests, initiated by the student and approved by the dorm parent and/or director, must be submitted by Friday at 4 p.m. for the coming weekend and must contain accurate destinations, mode of transportation, and a contact phone number other than the student's cell phone. Students staying off campus overnight must have permission from their families or guardians, as well as the hosts. Hosts must call the dorm phone and speak to the dorm parent on duty before the student departs campus. Weekends begin after a student's last commitment on Friday and end by room check on Sunday (5 p.m.). Students who wish to miss room check and/or return after Study Hall begins on Sunday evening must obtain permission from the Assistant Director of Residential Life and have their room clean prior to departure from campus.

School night sign-out past 9 p.m. or overnight sign-out is granted rarely and requires a conversation with the Assistant Director of Residential Life and special permission from families.

## **Change of Plans**

Any change of plans during sign-out or overnight sign-out must be communicated over the phone with the dorm parent on duty. This includes change in destination, or change in departure or return times. Failure to do so will result in the loss of overnight or sign-out privileges for a period of time.

## **On-Campus Weekends**

Several weekends a year are designated as on-campus weekends during which overnight sign-outs will not be granted. These include community retreat weekends in January and June. Information about these weekends will be shared well in advance and families should not make plans for students that will interfere with events on these weekends.

## Leaves

*Please see the Upper School Section for information about extended absences.*

## Dorm Closures and Vacations

The dorms are closed for opening trips, Thanksgiving, and Winter and Spring breaks. The dates and specific times for those closures can be found on the All-School Calendar on the OES website. In order to accommodate transportation needs and ensure student safety, students are required to submit travel plans well in advance of these closures. Overnight sign-out and sign-in procedures, as well as dorm closure expectations, are required during these vacations.

Families are expected to confirm and verify student travel plans and support our policies and expectations. Our expectation is that students spend these vacations with families, legal or local guardians, or approved adults over the age of 21. Overnight trips which place students in situations where no adult is present to supervise are strongly discouraged. In these rare cases, including college visits or other situations, families/guardians are required to give written permission (faxed or emailed) that verifies understanding of the risks associated with such a trip. In some cases a phone call with the Assistant Director of Residential Life confirming the plans will be required.

Students who cannot travel home for school year vacations may request a local OES host family. These families are background-checked and have children actively enrolled at OES.

Students should not leave early or return late from these closures. Families are strongly encouraged to make sure all travel for vacations are within the posted dates. Transportation will not be provided for students who leave early or return late, and there will likely be academic consequences, as well. Students who have excessive absences due to leaving early or returning late on long weekends or during dorm closures will need to meet with their advisor, Grade Dean, Dorm Parent, and Assistant Director of Residential Life about their commitment to the Upper School and Residential Life program. Questions about this policy should be directed to the Director of Residential Life.

## **Student Health and Wellness**

### ***Health Services***

In order to provide the best physical care and support for students, the school medical professional is available for health assessment, education, and treatment during school days and after school. In the event that a student requires further assessment or treatment, the medical professional will assist in scheduling an appointment, communicating with the provider, arranging transportation, and coordinating care. The medical professional will communicate medical concerns with families.

Families are responsible for communicating past issues pertaining to social, emotional, mental, and physical health that might impact their student's experience at OES to the medical professional, counselor, and/or Assistant Director of Residential Life so that we may best support those in our care. While in our care, students should communicate directly with dorm and/or school staff about day-to-day needs and concerns that arise. If a parent anticipates sharing news that will be upsetting (death of a relative, for example) or if they have conversations in which a student is feeling stressed or anxious, we encourage families to reach out to a dorm staff member so we can support the student as necessary here on campus.

Outside of school hours, dorm families will monitor and provide for student health needs in consultation with the medical professional. Urgent care and emergency care are available locally and dorm parents will accompany any student requiring urgent or emergency medical care during evening and weekends. Families will be notified once the student is receiving care.

### **How to Contact Us**

Medical Professional Office Line: 503-416-9300

Medical Professional Cell Phone: 503-757-7040

### ***Health Insurance***

OES participates in United Healthcare Student Resources to provide medical insurance, which is required for all international boarding students. International students whose families reside outside of the USA and who are not employed by a United States employer will be automatically enrolled in United Healthcare during the OES enrollment process. Domestic students are required to provide their own health insurance. Families are responsible through student account billing for any costs not covered by insurance.

## **Medication Policy**

To promote the health and safety of our students, OES requires that students and their families follow these guidelines concerning medications. It is also essential that families and students communicate with the medical professional about students' current health and wellbeing, as well as prior conditions that could impact their health or participation in programming while at OES.



Students may not keep medication of any kind in their rooms. All medications—either prescription or over the counter—need to be checked in with the medical professional or dorm parent immediately upon arrival on campus.

### **Over the Counter Medication**

All over the counter medication, including vitamins and supplements, will be controlled and dispensed by adults. Students are required to pick up and ingest all medications in the dorm office or medical professional's office, except when given special permission by the medical professional.

### **Prescription and Emergency Medication**

OES policy mandates that the medical professional be notified of all prescription medications that students plan to bring to school. Furthermore, OES requires that students prescribed psychotropic medications inform the medical professional of their treatment and bring their medication to the medical professional's office at the beginning of each term or at initiation of treatment. The conditions these medications may be used to treat include, but are not limited to, ADD, anxiety, and depression. All psychotropic medication will be stored in a secured area of the dorm office or medical professional's office.

Families must inform the medical professional if a student is being monitored or treated, or is taking medication, for a protected chronic or serious medical condition or for ADD, ADHD, or another learning disability; or for a psychiatric condition. Families (and students, in some cases) may need to authorize treatment providers to disclose information to the nurse and/or counselor. In addition, the medical professional and counselor may determine that the disclosure of a student's medical, psychological, and psychiatric information with faculty and others is reasonably necessary and helpful to: (1) the student's health, well-being, safety, education, and full participation in the community; or (2) other students' health, well-being, safety, education, and full participation in the community; or (3) the OES community's safety and well-being. As a condition of enrollment, families and students agree to provide all the required information and to sign any written authorizations agents of OES determine are necessary to permit OES to obtain or share health information described above.

Students will pick up their medications according to the dispensing schedule determined by the nurse and Assistant Director of Residential Life. Students are responsible for remembering to pick up daily medication and are required to ingest all medications in either the dorm office, the medical professional's office, or in the presence of dorm staff or the medical professional. All discontinued medications will be destroyed after 30 days. *The sharing or selling of such medications by students with other students is dangerous, illegal, and constitutes a violation of a Major School Rule.*

### **Counseling Services**

The Upper School counselor is available to assist students with the variety of challenges, changes, and concerns that develop during adolescence and during school, including anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflicts, achievement conflicts,

and concerns about social choices. Students and families are encouraged to seek out a counselor regarding personal or emotional concerns with a student. The counselor provides support in cooperation with the medical professional, residential faculty, advisors, and upper school administration.

If short-term or long-term treatment is needed, students will be referred to appropriate privately licensed professionals in the community. Families are notified if ongoing treatment or support is needed or if issues of safety arise. When students start treatment, families and students are required to sign a consent for disclosure form so that our counselor may communicate with the outside provider in order to provide the best care for students in our program. Partnership with families and outside care providers is essential for student support in the Residential Life program; refusal to sign the disclosure form may put the student's participation in the boarding program at risk.

Psychiatric consultation is also available to students who request medication evaluations and diagnostic consultations. Students who are prescribed medication will also have occasional check-ins with the Upper School counselor.

### ***Medical Excuses***

Students too ill to attend classes during the school day will remain in the sick room for rest, observation, or treatment. Medical and sports excuses are only given for classes or sports missed due to significant illness or injury. Only the medical professional or director/assistant director of residential life can excuse a student from classes, athletics, or other school commitments, and retroactive medical excuses are not given. Occasionally, following an examination and determination by the medical professional, students may be excused from the sick room to their room for the day; in such cases, the nurse will notify the Upper School office and the dorm faculty. Families are not routinely contacted concerning their child's non-urgent medical care and treatment, but should feel free to be in touch with the medical professional if they have any questions or need any further information.

### ***Sports Medicine and Concussion***

The Athletic Training Office, located in the Farris Hall Fitness Center, is staffed by a certified athletic trainer who is available daily for the assessment and treatment of sports-related injuries.

The Athletic Training Room is open by appointment throughout the school day and Monday through Friday from 3:10 to 6 p.m. The ImPACT concussion program, a computer-based neurocognitive testing program, is administered to all students and is used in the evaluation of head injuries.

### ***Policy on Sharing of Health Information***

OES recognizes that information regarding student health is highly sensitive and works to maintain appropriate confidentiality. Students need to be able to trust treatment providers and health advisors with sensitive private information about their personal health history and behaviors.

Of equal importance, of course, is the School's obligation to provide for the student's safety, security, and well-being, as well as the safety, security, and well-being of other students and the community in general. In this light, the School must have full and accurate information about each student's health and must occasionally share a student's health information with others in the school including, but not limited to, dorm parents, families, or guardians.

### **Medical Leaves**

*The Residential Life program generally follows the Upper School Medical Leave policy; however, the Residential Life program has additional requirements regarding medical leaves for boarding students.*

The treatment for certain medical and psychological conditions and behaviors are best handled outside the boarding school setting. Severe depression, eating disorders, suicide ideation or attempts, self-injury, and substance abuse disorders are examples of such conditions and generally require more treatment, support, supervision, and guidance than the Residential Life program can provide. In some situations, these conditions and behaviors may also create undue disruption in the community and residential life of the School. Should such a situation arise, OES reserves the right to require a medical leave of absence or a medical separation.

A voluntary or mandated medical leave of absence may be authorized by the nurse, the counselor, and/or the Director of Residential Life in consultation with the student's advisor to address physical or emotional illnesses that, in their judgment, cannot be adequately treated in the dorm setting. These same staff members will determine whether and under what conditions students should return to the boarding program. Each medical leave is designed to address the needs of an individual student, and the goal of a medical leave is to enable students to return to the dorms with an increased opportunity for academic and social success. Students should take the time needed to achieve this goal. In administering this policy, OES does not discriminate against qualified students with a disability. In particular, OES is committed to assuring that students with a disability enjoy equal access to, and an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from, the programs and services offered by the School in compliance with federal and state nondiscrimination requirements. OES will reasonably accommodate students with medical and mental health conditions in accordance with applicable law and whenever appropriate will support reasonable accommodations that enable the student to remain enrolled in OES.

A medical leave is granted by OES for the management of a physical or emotional illness that:

- Interferes with a student's ability to participate in the program;
- Has an undue negative impact on others; and/or
- Is beyond the practical limits of care that the residential life program can provide.

The decision concerning whether a student is to be placed on a medical leave shall be made by the Leave Team, which includes the director of residential life, assistant head of upper school for academics, and the assistant head of upper school for

community, in consultation with the Head of Upper School and Associate Head of School. The Leave Team also determines the length of the leave and what conditions must be met in order to return (e.g., relevant assessments, counseling, educational activities, etc.) as outlined below. The Leave Team works closely with the nurse and counselor, and in all such cases will actively consult with the student and, where appropriate, with the student's family for the purpose of procuring their input into the decision. Determining the expectations and structure of a medical leave, and how best to meet the needs of the student in accordance with the existing standards of the program, is an interactive process between the student, family, and the program.

### **Basis for Deciding**

The Leave Team may make its determination on the basis of:

- An assessment by the medical professional and/or counselor;
- The student's clinical needs as assessed by an outside provider;
- Careful consideration of the student's safety and well-being;
- The student's possible impact on the safety and well-being of the community;
- The student's capacity to participate in the residential and academic program of the School with or without accommodation;
- OES's ability to provide appropriate care; and
- Information received from the student and the student's family concerning the student's condition, needs, and preferences.

### **Duration**

OES will determine the duration of the medical leave and the minimum length of absence. Because every student's situation is different, the length of recommended leave will be determined individually.

### **What is Required**

Once a student has been placed on Medical Leave, the student and family will receive a letter outlining the expectations and requirements with respect to the medical leave. Letters are individualized and may include specific criteria, conditions, and behavioral expectations relevant to the student's needs and the reasons that informed the medical leave. In general, there are three requirements during the medical leave:

- The student will receive ongoing treatment by a medical professional appropriate to the student's condition;
- The family will engage in ongoing and regular communication and cooperation with the School about the student's treatment and the School's expectations during the medical leave;
- The student and family will comply with other conditions that the School articulates in the medical leave letter.

### **Returning from a Medical Leave**

Return from a medical leave is not automatic. OES gives significant weight to documentation from the student's treatment providers regarding the student's

ability to function academically and safely at school with or without accommodation. OES will exercise the right to make a final decision about a student's return to campus and reserves the right to obtain a second opinion from a provider of its choice. The Leave Team shall determine whether and under what circumstances a student should return to School or be medically separated from the School. The Leave Team then forwards a recommendation to the Associate Head of School.

**Factors that Inform the Leave Team's recommendation include:** The student's and the family's compliance with the requirements of the leave; the student's clinical needs; safety considerations; impact on the well-being of the community; the student's capacity to participate in the residential and academic program of the School with or without accommodation; and the School's ability to provide appropriate care. In order for the School to consider a request to return from a medical leave:

- All necessary information as specified in the medical leave letter must be forwarded to the School by the deadlines outlined in the letter;
- The student must demonstrate an ability to participate safely in the program of the School with or without reasonable accommodation, and the School must determine it has the ability to provide the appropriate treatment, support, and supervision required for the student to return and participate in school;
- The student must satisfy any condition or behavioral expectations placed on the student in connection with their return from a medical leave;
- Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements may result in a continuation of the student's medical leave or in a medical separation.

## **Medical Separations**

A medical separation from OES is authorized by the Head of School following a recommendation by the Leave Team. Although a medical separation involves the loss of a student's place at OES, it leaves open the possibility of application for readmission. Therefore, a medical separation is to be distinguished from withdrawal or dismissal. A medical separation is reserved for the student who, for reasons of illness, cannot meet the requirements of the OES Residential Life Program, with or without an accommodation. Conditions that might warrant medical separations include but are not limited to: incapacitating physical or emotional illness; serious drug or alcohol problems; or any condition requiring more treatment, support, supervision, and care than the Residential Life program can provide.

## **Residential Life Expectations**

*All Major School Rules listed in the All-School Handbook and Upper School Section apply to dorm students. Dorm students and visiting day students are also expected to follow the rules, policies, and expectations relevant to the Residential Life program outlined herein, knowing also that no handbook could possibly cover all of the contingencies or all inappropriate behavior.*



The expectations of the Residential Life Program have been established to ensure the health and safety of all dorm students so that they may succeed in their academic, extracurricular, social, and personal endeavors. These rules are established for teenagers in a communal living setting and they may be at times more stringent than those enforced at home due to the nature of our community. Students are expected to be in compliance with the expectations and rules at all times.

### ***Major Dorm Rules***

While all Residential Life policies are important, violating the following policies are a violation of Major Dorm Rules and will result in disciplinary consequences. In some cases a single violation or repeated violations may result in a student being referred to the Honor Council.

- Complying with Federal, State, and Local Laws
- Bullying, Hazing, and Harassment
- Sexual Harassment and Misconduct
- Illegal Substances
- Check-In and Curfew
- Driving, Vehicle, and Transportation Policy
- Fire and Earthquake Safety and Drills
- Sign-Out and Overnight Sign-Out
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Sexual Intimacy

### ***Community Expectations***

When students fail to uphold the community expectations, they will have a conversation with the prefect or dorm parent who observes the situation, their dorm parent, or a dorm administrator, and depending on the severity or type of infraction, will face appropriate consequences. Repeated inability to uphold community expectations will result in increased consequences and may include conversations with the student's advisor, Assistant Director of Residential Life, or Director of Residential Life about the student's commitment to remaining a boarding student.

#### **Community Expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Not returning to the dorms between 8:25 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. (except for seniors with that privilege)
- Staying in the dorm and in room after nightly check-in
- Following Study Hall expectations
- Keeping the door unlocked when present in room
- Turning off technology after 10:30 p.m.
- Turning off lights after 11 p.m. (exceptions for Late Lights)
- Following in-room or co-ed visitation policies



- Not using offensive or derogatory language
- Maintaining quiet hours
- Being respectful, cooperative, and honest
- Maintaining a clean room
- Completing evening job
- Protecting private or school property
- Using English / common language in common spaces
- Attending and being on time for breakfast check-in, family dinner, and/or community meeting
- Attending dorm activities when signed up
- Attending scheduled meetings and/or appointments related to the dorms or Upper School program
- Returning on time to the group on a dorm trip, store run, or activity
- Carrying one's key and fob, and producing it when asked by dorm parent
- Using senior privileges appropriately

### ***Sexual Intimacy***

Sexual intimacy is a complicated issue in a boarding school composed of students who may range in age from 13 to 20, and who span a full range of cultures, beliefs, and values. While we recognize that romantic relationships may involve consensual sexual intimacy and that sexual curiosity during adolescence is common, OES is committed to creating a learning and residential environment characterized by safety, trust, and respect for all. For this reason, sexual intimacy is not permitted either on campus or off campus at school-sponsored events or trips. OES offers education about sex and sexuality through the Health and Wellness program, and provides a range of counseling and advising resources, with the related goals of fostering thoughtful decision-making and encouraging students to postpone sexual activity.

If and when it occurs, sexually intimate behavior should not infringe on the privacy or rights of others, victimize a person or group, or compromise the integrity of our community. This position is informed by our commitment to our students' well-being and right to be free of unwanted exposure to others' sexually intimate behavior. Responses to such behavior may include, but are not limited to, faculty conversations with the students involved, communication with the students' dorm parent, referral to the medical professional or counselor, disciplinary action in consultation with the assistant head of upper school for community, and parental notification.

Students should note that the age of consent in Oregon is 18 and that students under the age of 18 are unable to give consent to certain sexual activity. Some sexually intimate behaviors involving an individual under the age of 18 violate state laws and school personnel are generally required to report such instances to state or

local authorities if they reasonably suspect sexual abuse (as that term is defined under Oregon law). *Students should also review OES All-School policy pertaining to sexual harassment and misconduct.*

### **Restorative Actions**

Violations of major dorm or school rules and repeated failure to uphold community expectations will result in referral to the Assistant Director of Residential Life and/or the Director of Residential Life who will consult with residential life staff, advisors, and upper school administration when appropriate. OES's restorative process seeks to uphold the integrity of the school, to foster community responsibility for the maintenance of a safe and positive environment, to help students develop the resilience necessary to grow and learn from mistakes, and to restore the student to the community.

Our community expects that members are each committed to the growth of self and others and that every individual is working to make positive choices that show respect for others and contribute to an environment of trust and inclusivity. The processes that follow violations of the community rules rely on the understanding that being a part of OES requires personal accountability in the goal of creating a school where every member can assume mutual respect, safety, and trust.

In issuing consequences, OES strives to balance fairness and consistency with a recognition of the individual circumstances.

### **Disciplinary Actions**

#### **Campus Restriction**

Students who have been restricted to campus may not sign out, except on an approved dorm activity. Students may use the gym, Fariss Hall, SPARC, and other facilities, but may not access the wetlands, woods, or cross Vermont Street on Nicol Road.

#### **Dorm Restriction**

Students who are dorm-restricted must stay within sight of their respective dorm, are not allowed off campus at any time, and lose co-ed lounge and in-room visitation privileges.

#### **Community Values Letter**

A Community Values Letter is issued to students whose behavior in the dorms demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to fully commit to the values of the Residential Life program or the Honor Code. This letter is issued by the Director of Residential Life and is consistent with the Community Values Letter detailed in the Upper School Restorative Practice section of the Handbook. A Community Values Letter serves as an official notification that the student's behavior was not consistent with the values of our Residential Life program and that any further such action will result in more significant consequences, including a referral to the Honor Council.

## **Probation**

Probation is a period of time designated by the dorm administration during which a student's behavior is closely monitored as a result of disciplinary action.

## **Suspension from Residence Halls**

Some violations of rules are serious enough to result in removal from the dorm community for a period of time. In these instances, the dorm administration will work with the student's family to find a suitable living arrangement with a host family or a local guardian. OES reserves the right to immediately remove a student from the dorm community if that individual's behaviors put the community at imminent risk.

## **Dismissal**

In the event that a student's behavior demonstrates either unwillingness or inability to live within the community's expectations and to commit to the values identified by the Residential Life Program and The Upper School Honor Code, a student is subject to dismissal from school. This can be following repeated incidents that have led to disciplinary action or an isolated infraction, including, but not limited to, violating the school's major rules. Upon dismissal, the family's contractual obligation to complete payment of the year's tuition is unaffected for the duration of the school year.

## **Community Structures and Responsibilities**

### ***Dorm Families***

Each student is assigned to a dorm family led by a dorm parent. Family groups eat dinner together on Wednesdays and occasionally take outings together as a group. The dorm parent acts as the main point of contact with each student's family or legal guardian, family representatives, academic advisor, and teachers. We highly encourage families to call or email dorm parents with concerns or questions. Interpretation and translation services are available as needed.

### ***Prefect Groups***

All students are assigned to a prefect group led by a grade 11 or 12 prefect. These groups meet occasionally to discuss issues of importance in the dorms, complete evening jobs together, and go on activities as a group. Students are encouraged to use their prefect as a resource, and prefects will regularly check-in with students to offer support around academic, social, or emotional concerns.

### ***Environmental Sustainability***

All community members are expected to be conscious of their use of resources and to minimize waste. Students should bring a water bottle and/or reusable cup, as well as reusable tableware if they plan on making and consuming food in the dorms. Students should consider the impact of their choices when using resources such as electricity, water, paper products, and other items. We encourage students to recycle

as much as possible. Students should turn off lights when they leave their room, bathroom, and shower rooms.

### ***Bicycles and Storage Shed***

The Residential Life program maintains several bikes and keeps them in a storage shed behind Rodney House. Students may sign out a bike and helmet with the dorm parent on duty. Students may bring their own bikes to campus and store them in the shed if there is available space. Students are required to wear helmets when riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or other such modes of transportation. Students may access the storage shed for tools and other equipment under the supervision of a dorm parent.

### ***Evening Jobs***

Every Wednesday and Sunday evening after study hall, the Prefect on duty that week will gather their prefect group in order to clean their respective dorm building. The list of evening job expectations is posted in both buildings and the dorm parent on duty will inspect the buildings to confirm the jobs have been completed in a satisfactory manner. Failure to show up or complete evening jobs, or refusal to comply with prefect or dorm parent instructions, will result in disciplinary consequences.

### ***Grade Level Student Jobs***

All dorm students are expected to support the daily systems and general upkeep required of the dorm program and buildings. Accordingly, students are assigned jobs throughout the year based on their grade level. These will rotate throughout the year and will be posted on a Google calendar and in the office. Students are responsible for knowing when they have job duty.

### ***Roommates***

The Residential Life staff place students in rooms and with roommates whom we believe will best serve the needs of all students, while also considering requests made annually by returning students. As part of our emphasis on building communication and intercultural skills, we make every effort to avoid placing students of the same nationality together. Single rooms are reserved for students in leadership positions, and even then may not always be available.

Early in the year, we engage roommates in a process of communicating their needs and preferences and assist students in writing roommate agreements. Living in close proximity with others naturally comes with challenges. We encourage and support students in direct communication and conflict resolution. A student should seek out their dorm parent, prefect, advisor, counselor, the assistant director of residential life, or the director of residential life if they need support with a roommate challenge. Roommate changes are rare as the focus of the Residential Program is to learn skills of communal living, communication, and conflict resolution.

## **Common Space Guidelines**

### **Lounges**

The lounges are a communal space where dorm students and their guests should feel comfortable socializing and relaxing. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and for making sure the space is inclusive by setting a positive and welcoming tone, using common language, and inviting others to participate in games and activities. Television and video game hours and expectations are posted in both lounges.

### **Bathrooms and Shower Rooms**

The bathrooms and shower rooms are cleaned daily during the week by a professional custodian. It is the students' responsibility to keep these rooms free of personal belongings and to tidy the spaces after using them. This may include wiping the toilet seat, and/or disposing of toilet paper, paper towels, hygiene products, and other trash appropriately. Students should reasonably clean the shower stalls after use to remove hair and excess shower products in respect for whoever uses the stall afterwards. If a dorm student has a particular need or concern about bathrooms and shower rooms, they should contact the Director for Residential Life.

### **Laundry Facilities**

In the interest of student health and wellness, students are expected to regularly do laundry to maintain hygiene. Bed linens should be washed weekly. Students have access to laundry facilities in each dorm building with multiple machines that are free to operate. Students should comply with posted signs about laundry room expectations and immediately report any damages, leaks, or machine issues to the dorm parent on duty. To prevent lost items students should be mindful of their laundry and return promptly to remove it from machines and the laundry room. Clothing or other belongings left for extended periods of time will be donated to the lost and found.

*The staff laundry room in Rodney House is not for student use at any time.*

### **Kitchenettes and Office Kitchen**

Each dorm building is equipped with a kitchenette that has a sink, microwave, counter-space, and storage. Students are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the space. All small kitchen appliances, such as rice cookers and electric kettles, should be used in this space and not in rooms.

The Office Kitchen, which is equipped with a refrigerator and freezer, stovetop, oven, sink, and counter space, is available for student use under the supervision of dorm parents. Students who use the kitchen are responsible for cleaning after themselves, reporting maintenance issues to the dorm parent on duty immediately, and requesting supplies. The dorms provide some cooking utensils and equipment for

use in the office kitchen only. Prefects are responsible for overseeing the space the week they are on duty and for managing the sign-up sheet.

The use of the kitchenettes and office kitchen is a privilege. If any of the spaces are not used in accordance with posted signs, they will be closed for a period of time to students.

### **Athletic Facilities (Fariss Hall, Gym, SPARC, turf and practice fields)**

Boarding students enjoy the privilege of after-hours access to many facilities on campus. Students are expected to comply with all rules and expectations of those spaces and be trained to access them as necessary. Students may temporarily check out a key from the dorm parent on duty in order to access locked buildings and are responsible for returning the key in a timely manner.

Weekend and after-hours access to Fariss Hall requires special training from the Athletic Trainer. Training is offered several times at the beginning of the year. Students must be in groups of three or more when using weight training or cardiovascular equipment in Fariss Hall. They should also bring a cell phone, report any damages or injuries to the dorm parent on duty, turn off all lights, and clean up after themselves before they leave. Students may not prop the door or allow anyone inside who is not a dorm student or OES employee.

### **Academic Buildings (outside of school hours)**

If the study rooms in the dormitories are occupied, students may request to use classrooms in the language wing for academic purposes after hours and on weekends. Dorm parents will supervise use of the rooms and students are expected to respect the space and equipment, and clean up after themselves.

### **Dining Hall**

Students may access the dining hall only during posted meal times. They are expected to bus their dishes, cups, and utensils in the appropriate bins, clean their tables, and comply with all requests made by the kitchen staff. Students may not bring any dishes, cups, mugs, or utensils back to the dorms, unless they have special permission from the dorm parent on duty, and they are expected to return those to the dining hall bus bins at the next meal. Laptop use is not permitted at meals, except for breakfast when students may use them to complete school work.

### **Dorm Office**

Students are welcome in the dorm office when the dorm parent on duty is supervising the space. Students are allowed to use the kitchen only when a dorm parent is present.

## **Special Programs**

### **Activities**

The Residential Life activity program is designed to create community, nurture curiosity and interest in the city of Portland and surrounding regions, and provide fun and engaging opportunities for students. At least one activity is typically offered every weekend by a dorm parent and/or students. An activity involves at least five



students and uses an inclusive sign-up process. A variety of low- or no-cost activities are offered throughout the year. The dorms support the activity program for those activities that do cost by paying 50 percent of the cost of the activity for each student (up to \$25). The student's portion will be charged to their account. If tickets or charges must be paid in advance, the student will be charged if they do not attend and do not find a replacement.

### **Backyard Exchange Program (BYE)**

Upper School day students are encouraged to stay overnight in the dorms for up to two weeks at no charge. Visiting students follow the daily schedule and expectations of boarding students, including attending study hall, family dinner, dorm meetings, and weekend activities. They also enjoy the privileges of dorm students, including access to OES campus facilities under the discretion and supervision of the dorm staff. Visiting students stay with Ambassadors or Prefects in their rooms, or, in the case of students in grades 11 and 12, who are frequent BYE guests to Rodney House, an Ambassador Room.

### **Student Leadership**

The Residential Life program has several formal leadership positions which allow students to support various aspects of the program, collaborate with dorm staff and administration, engage in peer leadership, and develop and practice leadership skills.

### **Ambassador Program**

Dorm Ambassadors are student leaders who serve the OES dorms by hosting visitors and prospective students, participating in Admissions and Residential Life events, and being representatives of the dorms in the larger OES community. They support the Backyard Exchange (BYE) Program by hosting day students, and occasionally host Admissions or exchange-program visitors as well. Ambassadors maintain a welcoming, supportive atmosphere for visitors of the program. Ambassadors are chosen as best representations of OES for their social skills, high fluency and usage of English, academic performance, and organizational and collaborative skills. Ambassadors develop leadership skills, work closely with the Dorm Ambassador Coordinator, and provide a vital service to our school and to OES's Residential Life Program.

### **Honor Council and Student Council Representatives**

Dorm students are elected through the Upper School election process to serve on the Upper School Honor Council and to seats on the Student Council's Policy and Community Boards. Dorm students are also encouraged to run as their grade level representatives and for all other positions on student council, including Student Body President.

### **Prefect Program**

Prefects are students in grades 11 and 12 who have been carefully selected to support other students, build community in their dorms, and serve as respected role models in the community. They live alongside fellow students and provide peer support. Prefects work closely with dormitory faculty to create a safe, healthy environment for

learning and growth. They are expected to promote, support, and follow all the rules and expectations of the Upper School and Residential Life Programs. In cases where a Prefect is not fulfilling expectations of the position, or if they are in violation of a major school rule, they may be put on probation or lose their status as a Prefect in addition to other consequences through the disciplinary process.

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