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Jefferson County School District 509J

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Nondiscrimination

The district prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including, but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race[1], color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity[2], national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans' status,; or because of the perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans' status of any other persons with whom the individual associates.

The district prohibits discrimination and harassment in, but not limited to, employment, assignment and promotion of personnel; educational opportunities and services offered students; student assignment to schools and classes; student discipline; location and use of facilities; educational offerings and materials; and accommodating the public at public meetings.

The Board encourages staff to improve human relations within the schools, to respect all individuals and to establish channels through which patrons can communicate their concerns to the administration and the Board.

The superintendent shall appoint individuals at the district to contact on issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and other civil rights or discrimination issues, and notify students, parents, and staff with their names, office addresses, and phone numbers. The district will publish complaint procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints from students, employees and the public, and such procedures will be available at the district's administrative office and available on the home page of the district's website.

The district prohibits retaliation and discrimination against an individual who has opposed any discrimination act or practice; because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

[1] Includes discriminatory use of a Native American mascot pursuant to OAR 581-021-0047. Race also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.001 (as amended by House Bill 2935 (2021)).

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100
ORS 192.630
ORS 326.051(1)(e)
ORS 408.230
ORS 659.805
ORS 659.815
ORS 659.850 - 659.860
ORS 659.865
ORS 659A.001
ORS 659A.003
ORS 659A.006
ORS 659A.009
ORS 659A.029
ORS 659A.030
ORS 659A.040
ORS 659A.103 - 659A.145
ORS 659A.230 - 659A.233
ORS 659A.236
ORS 659A.309
ORS 659A.321
ORS 659A.409
OAR 581-002-0001 – 002-0005
OAR 581-021-0045
OAR 581-021-0046
OAR 581-021-0047
OAR 581-022-2310
OAR 581-022-2370
OAR 839-003

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-633 (2018); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2019).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12112 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2018).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2018); 29 C.F.R. § 1601 (2019).
Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2018).
Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 (2019).
House Bill 2935 (2021).
House Bill 3041 (2021).

Cross Reference(s):

GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity
JB - Equal Educational Opportunity

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Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Complaints regarding discrimination or harassment, on any basis protected by law, shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1: Complaints may be oral or in writing and must be filed with the principal. Any staff member that receives an oral or written complaint shall report the complaint to the principal.

The principal shall investigate and determine the action to be taken, if any, and reply in writing, to the complainant within 10 school days of receipt of the complaint.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the principal, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee within 10 school days after receipt of the principal's response to the complaint.

The superintendent or designee shall review the principal's decision within 15 school days and may meet with all parties involved. The superintendent or designee will review the merits of the complaint and the principal's decision. The superintendent or designee will respond in writing to the complainant within 30 school days.

Step 3: If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent or designee, a written appeal may be filed with the Board within five school days of receipt of the superintendent's or designee's response to Step 2. The Board may decide to hear or deny the request for appeal at a Board meeting. If the Board decides to hear the appeal, the Board may meet with the concerned parties and their representative at a Board meeting. The Board's decision will be final and will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of the Board's final decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing or electronic form within 15 days of this meeting.

If the principal is the subject of the complaint, the individual may start at Step 2 and should file a complaint with the superintendent or designee.

If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, the complaint may start at Step 3 and should be referred to the Board chair. The Board may refer the investigation to a third party.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member, may start at Step 3 and should be submitted to the Board chair and may be referred to district counsel. Complaints against the Board chair may start at Step 3 and be referred directly to the district counsel OR Board vice chair.
The timelines established in each step of this procedure may be extended upon mutual consent of the district and the complainant in writing, but will not be longer than 30 days from the date of the submission of the complaint at any step. The overall timeline of this complaint procedure may be extended beyond 90

days from the initial filing of the complaint upon written mutual consent of the district and the complainant.

The complainant, if a person who resides in the district, or a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district is not satisfied after exhausting local complaint procedures, the district fails to render a written decision within 30 days of submission of the complaint at any step or fails to resolve the complaint within 90 days of the initialing filing of the complaint, may appeal[1] the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023.

[1] An appeal must meet the criteria found in OAR 581-002-0005(1)(a).

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT FORM

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Name of Person Filing Complaint Date School or Activity

Student/Parent □ Employee □ Job applicant □ Other □ _____

Type of discrimination:

☐ Race
☐ Color
☐ Religion
☐ Sex
☐ National or ethnic origin
☐ Gender identity
☐ Mental or physical disability
☐ Marital status
☐ Familial status
☐ Economic status
☐ Veterans' status
☐ Age
☐ Sexual orientation
☐ Pregnancy
☐ Discriminatory use of a Native American mascot
☐ Other _____

Specific complaint: (Please provide detailed information including names, dates, places, activities and results of the discussion.) _____

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Who should we talk to and what evidence should we consider? _____

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Suggested solution/resolution/outcome: _____

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This complaint form should be mailed or submitted to the ~~[~~principal~~]~~.

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, or the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

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Equal Employment Opportunity

Equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be practiced by the district regardless of race[1], color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity[2], national origin, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition[3], age, veterans' status[4], service in uniformed service, familial status, genetic information, an individual's juvenile record that has been expunged, and disability[5] if the employee, with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position.

The superintendent will appoint an employee to serve as the officer in charge of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and ~~of 1990,~~ the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act ~~of 2008~~ (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The superintendent will also designate a Title IX coordinator to comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments ~~of 1972~~. The Title IX coordinator will investigate complaints communicated to the district alleging noncompliance with Title IX. The name, address and telephone number of the Title IX coordinator will be provided to all students and employees.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100
ORS 243.317 – 243.323
ORS 326.051
ORS 332.505
ORS 342.934
ORS 408.225
ORS 408.230
ORS 408.235
ORS 652.210 - 652.220
ORS 659.850
ORS 659A.003
ORS 659A.006

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

~~[2] "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated within the individual's sex at birth.~~

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

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

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

ORS 659A.009
ORS 659A.029
ORS 659A.030
ORS 659A.040
ORS 659A.082
ORS 659A.109
ORS 659A.112
ORS 659A.147
ORS 659A.233
ORS 659A.236
ORS 659A.309
ORS 659A.321
ORS 659A.409
ORS 659A.820
OAR 581-021-0045
OAR 581-022-2405
OAR 839-003-0000
OAR 839-006-0435
OAR 839-006-0440
OAR 839-006-0450
OAR 839-006-0455
OAR 839-006-0460
OAR 839-006-0465

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq. (2018).
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2018); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2019).
Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).
Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2018).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018).
The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2018).
Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018).
Chevron USA Inc. v. Echazabal, 536 U.S. 736 (2002).
Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38 U.S.C. §§ 4301-4303 (2018).
House Bill 2935 (2021)
House Bill 3041 (2021)

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Workplace Harassment

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

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

"Workplace harassment" means conduct that constitutes discrimination prohibited by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 659A.030 (discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, age, or expunged juvenile record), including conduct that constitutes sexual assault[1] or that constitutes conduct prohibited by ORS 659A.082 (discrimination against person in uniformed service) or 659A.112 (discrimination in employment based on disability).

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

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

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

The district may not require or coerce a district employee to enter into a nondisclosure[2] or nondisparagement~~no disparagement~~[3] agreement.

The district may not enter into an agreement with an employee or prospective employee, as a condition of employment, continued employment, promotion, compensation, or the receipt of benefits, that contains a nondisclosure provision, a nondisparagement~~no disparagement~~ provision or any other provision that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing or discussing workplace harassment that occurred between district employees or between a district employee and the district, in the workplace or at

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

[2] A "nondisclosure" agreement or provision prevents either party from disclosing the contents of or circumstances surrounding the agreement.

[3] A "nondisparagement" agreement or provision prevents either party from making disparaging statements about the other party.

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

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

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

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

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 243.317 - 243.323
ORS 659A.001
ORS 659A.003
ORS 659A.006
ORS 659A.029
ORS 659A.030
ORS 659A.082
ORS 659A.112
ORS 659A.820
ORS 659A.875
ORS 659A.885
OAR 584-020-0040
OAR 584-020-0041

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2018).
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).
House Bill 3041 (2021)

Cross Reference(s):

AC - Nondiscrimination
ACB - All Students Belong
GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity

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

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

Definitions

1. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors, or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or other school events.

2. "District" includes district facilities, district premises, and nondistrict property if the employee is at any district-sponsored, district-approved, or district-related activity or function, such as field trips, ~~or~~ athletic events or where the employee is engaged in district business.

3. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a staff member for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored work activity, work group or work assignment, or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

4. "Harassment" is unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity[1], national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. Harassment becomes unlawful when 1) enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment, or 2) the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

5. "Intimidation" includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to tamper, substantially damage or interfere with another's property, cause substantial inconvenience, subject another to offensive physical contact or inflict serious physical injury on the perception~~basis~~ of the other's race, color, religion, national origin, disability, ~~or~~ sexual orientation or gender identity.

6. "Bullying" is a pattern of repeated mistreatment that harms, intimidates, undermines, offends, degrades, or humiliates an employee.

~~[1] "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.~~

7. "Cyberbullying "means the use of any electronic device to convey a message in any form (e.g., text, image, audio, or video) that intimidates, harasses, or is otherwise harms, insults, or humiliates another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person's true or false identity. In addition, any communication of this form which substantially disrupts or prevents a safe and positive working environment may also be considered cyberbullying. Staff will refrain from using personal electronic devices or district equipment to harass or stalk another person or people.

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

Reporting Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the employee's personnel file. Additionally, a copy of all reported acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, or cyberbullying and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file in the district office.

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Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements

Sexual conduct by district employees, contractors[1], agents[2], and volunteers[3] is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers are subject to this policy. Students are also subject to this policy if they are acting as an employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.

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

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

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

[1] "Contractor" means a person providing services to the district under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

[2] "Agent" means a person acting as an agent for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

[3] "Volunteer" means a person acting as a volunteer for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

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

Any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer who has reasonable cause to believe that a student has been subjected to sexual conduct by another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, or that another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer has engaged in sexual conduct with a student shall immediately report such suspected sexual conduct to the {[5]}designated licensed administrator or the alternate designated licensed administrator, in the event the designated administrator is the suspected perpetrator, for their school building. If the conduct also constitutes child abuse, the employee must make mandatory reports in accordance with Board policy GBNAB/JHFE – Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall report the suspected sexual conduct to the Board chair.

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

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

When there is reasonable cause to support the report, a district employee suspected of sexual conduct shall be placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

When there is reasonable cause to support the report, a district contractor, agent or volunteer suspected of sexual conduct shall be removed from providing services to the district and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

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

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

A district employee, contractor or agent will not assist another district employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in sexual conduct. Nothing in this policy prevents the district from disclosing

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

information required by law or providing the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files pursuant to law.

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

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

1. A description of conduct that may constitute sexual conduct;

2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected sexual conduct is substantiated; and

3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, pursuant to ORS 339.378(2).

All district employees are subject to Board policy GCAB - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Staff regarding appropriate electronic communications with students.

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107 ORS 339.370 - 339.400 ORS 419B.005 - 419B.045

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7926 (2018).
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Suspected Sexual Conduct Report Procedures and Form

~~When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person licensed[1] through Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), the designee shall notify TSPC as soon as possible. When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person who is not licensed through TSPC, the designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as soon as possible.~~

The district posts in each school building the names and contact information of the district employees{[2]} designated for the respective ~~in each~~ school building ~~designated~~ to receive reports of suspected sexual conduct and the procedures the designee(s) will follow upon receipt of the report.

When a designated licensed administrator[3] receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a commission licensee[4], the designee shall notify Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). The designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) if the administrator receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer that is not a commission licensee.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

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

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, and there is reasonable cause to support the report, the district shall place the district employee on paid administrative

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

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

[3] A "licensed administrator" is a person employed as an administrator by the district and holds an administrative license issued by TSPC or may be a person employed by the district that does not hold an administrative license issued by TSPC if the district does not require the administrator to be licensed by TSPC.

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

leave[5] and take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. The employee shall remain on leave until TSPC[6] or ODE[7] determines that the report is substantiated and the district takes appropriate employment action against the employee, or cannot be substantiated or is not a report of sexual conduct and the district determines either: 1) an employment policy was violated and the district will take appropriate employment action against the employee; or 2) an employment policy has not been~~be~~ violated and an employment action against the employee is not required. ~~The district will investigate all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are licensed by the TSPC, unless otherwise requested by TSPC, and all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are not licensed by TSPC, unless otherwise requested by ODE.~~

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a contractor, an agent or a volunteer, the district may prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services to the district. If the district determines there is reasonable cause to support a report of suspected sexual conduct, the district shall prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services. The district may reinstate the contractor, agent or volunteer, and such reinstatement may not occur until such time as a report of suspected sexual conduct has been investigated and a determination has been made by TSPC or ODE, as appropriate, that the report is unsubstantiated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[6] TSPC investigates reports on commission licensees.

[7] ODE investigates reports on persons who are not commission licensees.

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

Training

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

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;

2. Obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and 419B.005 - 419B.050 and under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and

3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

The district shall make available each school year the training described above to contractors, agents, volunteers and to parents and legal guardians of students attending district-operated schools, and will be made available separately from the training provided to district employees.

The district shall provide to contractors, agents and volunteers each school year information on the following:

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;

2. Obligations of district employees under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and

3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

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

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SUSPECTED SEXUAL CONDUCT REPORT FORM

Name of person making report: _____

Position of person making report: _____

Name of person suspected of sexual conduct: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

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Description of suspected sexual conduct: _____

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Name of witnesses (if any): _____

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

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Any other information: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of witness: _____

Position of witness: _____

Date of testimony/interview: _____

Description of instance witnessed: _____

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Any other information: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The district will designate a {[6]}licensed administrator and an alternate licensed administrator, in the event that the designated licensed administrator is the suspected abuser, for each school building to receive reports of suspected abuse of a child by district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers or students.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall also report to the Board chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The district shall provide information and training each school year to district employees on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050 and as directed by Board policy to report suspected abuse of a child, and appropriate electronic communications with students. The district shall make available each school year the training described

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

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

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

1. A description of conduct that may constitute abuse;

2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected abuse is substantiated; and

3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors, and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, as provided under ORS 339.378. [A district employee, contractor or agent will not assist another district employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has reasonable or probable cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in abuse, unless criteria found in ORS 339.378(2)(c) are applicable.]

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

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

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 339.370 - 339.400
ORS 418.257 - 418.259
ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050
OAR 581-022-2205

Greene v. Camreta, 588 F.3d 1011 (9th Cir. 2009), vacated in part by, remanded by Camreta v. Greene, 131 S. Ct. 2020 (U.S. 2011); vacated in part, remanded by Greene v. Camreta 661 F.3d 1201 (9th Cir. 2011).
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Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

Reporting

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

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

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

If the superintendent is the alleged abuser the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Definitions

1. Oregon law recognizes these and other types of abuse:

    a. Physical;
    b. Neglect;

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

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

c. Mental injury;
d. Threat of harm;
e. Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

2. "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age or is under 21 years of age and residing in or receiving care or services at a child-caring agency.

3. A "substantiated report" means a report of abuse that a law enforcement agency or DHS determines is founded.

Confidentiality of Records

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

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

Failure to Comply

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

Cooperation with Investigator

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

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

   Law enforcement officials~~officers~~ wishing to remove a student from the premises shall present themselves at the office and contact the administrator or designee. The law enforcement official~~officer~~ shall sign the student out in accordance with district procedures~~on a form to be provided by the school~~;

2. When the subject matter of the interview or investigation is identified to be related to suspected abuse of a child, district employees shall not notify parents or anyone else other than DHS or law enforcement agency and any school employee necessary to enable the investigation;

3. The administrator or designee shall advise the investigator of any conditions of disability prior to any interview with the affected child;

4. District employees are not authorized to reveal anything that transpires during an investigation in which the employee participates, nor shall the information become part of the student's education records, except that the employee may testify at any subsequent trial resulting from the investigation and may be interviewed by the respective litigants prior to any such trial.

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

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Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises

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

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

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

Investigator Name (Printed) _____ Name of Agency _____

Name of Worker's/Investigator's Supervisor _____ Supervisor Contact Information _____

Investigator Position and Badge or ID Number _____ Student Name _____

School _____

Investigator Signature _____ Date _____

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

FOR COMPLETION BY DISTRICT STAFF

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

_____
Name of Administrator Notified

_____
Name of Office Staff Involved

_____
Name of Participating Administrator

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

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Equal Educational Opportunity**

Every student of the district will be given equal educational opportunities regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity[1], race[2], religion, color, national origin, disability, marital status, familial status, parental status, linguistic background, culture, socioeconomic status, capability or geographic location.

The district shall develop and implement an Equal Educational Opportunity Plan that assures that no student will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the district or denied access to facilities in the district.

A student or parent may also access and use the district's general complaint procedure through Board policy KL - Public Complaints.

All reports, complaints or information will be investigated.

The district will communicate the availability of policy and available complaint procedures to students and their parents through available district communication systems, and will be published to the district website and made available at the district office during regular business hours.

A student of the district may not be subjected to retaliation by the district for the reason that the student has in good faith reported information that the student believes is evidence of a violation of a state or federal law, rule or regulation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100
ORS 192.630
ORS 326.051
ORS 329.025
ORS 332.107
ORS 336.086
ORS 659.850
ORS 659.852
ORS 659A.001
ORS 659A.003
ORS 659A.006
ORS 659A.103 - 659A.145
ORS 659A.400
ORS 659A.403
ORS 659A.406
OAR 581-021-0045
OAR 581-021-0046
OAR 581-022-2310
OAR 839-003-0000

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).

[1] ~~"Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behaviors differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.~~

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

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12333 (2018).
House Bill 2935 (2021).
House Bill 3041 (2021).

Cross Reference(s):

AC - Nondiscrimination
JBB - Educational Equity

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Admission of Nonresident Students

The district may enroll nonresident students as follows:

1. **Interdistrict Transfer Agreement**. By written consent of the affected school boards, the student becomes a ~~"~~resident student~~pupil"~~ of the attending district thereby allowing the attending district to receive State School Fund moneys;

2. **Tuition Paying Student.** By admitting ~~a~~ nonresident student with tuition, whereby neither affected districts are eligible for State School Fund moneys;

3. **Court Placement.** If a juvenile court determines it is in the student's best interest, a student placed in a substitute care program outside the district will continue to be considered a resident student and allowed to attend the school the student attended prior to placement. The public agency placing the student in a substitute care program will be responsible for the transportation of the student, if public agency funds are available.

The Board shall deny regular school admission to nonresident students who are under expulsion from another district for a weapons policy violation. The Board will deny admission to nonresident students who are under expulsion from another district for reasons other than a weapons policy violation.

Consent for Admission of a Nonresident Student by Interdistrict Transfer or Consent for Admission of a Tuition Paying Student

Annually, by March 1, the Board shall establish the number of student transfer requests into the district, and out of the district, to which consent will be given for the upcoming school year.

The Board may not consider nor ask for any information from the student about race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin~~origins~~, disability, health, whether a student has an individualized education program (IEP) or the terms of that IEP, identified as talented and gifted, income level, residence, proficiency in English, athletic ability, or academic records. The Board may not request or require the student to participate in an interview, tour any of the schools or facilities, or otherwise meet with any representatives of the school or district prior to the district deciding whether to give consent.

The Board may only ask for the student's name, contact information, date of birth, grade level, whether the student may be given priority on consent for admission (see the following paragraph for priorities), information about which schools the student prefers to attend, and whether the student is currently expelled.

If the number of students seeking consent exceeds the number of spaces, the Board will use an equitable lottery selection process. The process may give priority to students who have siblings currently enrolled in the district; ~~to students~~ who previously received consent for admission because of~~, but have~~ a change in

legal residence; or who attended a public charter school located in the same district in which the student seeks to attend, for three consecutive years, completed the highest grade offered by the public charter school, and did not enroll and attend school in another district following completion of that highest grade in the public charter school.

The Board may revise the maximum number of students to whom consent will be given at a time other than the annual date established by the Board if there are no pending applications for consent.

If the Board decides not to give consent to a student~~,~~ the Board must provide a written explanation to the student.

The district may require minimum standards of behavior and/or attendance once the student has been accepted. The minimum standards must be the same for all students that are given consent. The district is not allowed to establish minimum standards for academics as a criteria for the student to remain in the district. Students whose consent is revoked for violation of set attendance and/or behavior standards will not be allowed to apply for consent to return to this district in the same or the following school year.

The Board may determine the length of time the consent is given. Any limitations in length of time must be applied consistently among all students to whom consent is given.

The district is not required to provide transportation outside the boundaries of the district. The student will be allowed to use existing bus routes and transportation services of the district. Transportation will be provided if required by federal law.

The attending district is responsible for a free appropriate public education for those students on an IEP.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100
ORS 327.006
ORS 329.485
ORS 335.090
ORS 339.115 - 339.133
ORS 339.141
ORS 339.250
ORS 343.221
ORS 433.267
OAR 581-021-0019

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification

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

The Board, in its commitment to providing a safe, positive, and productive learning environment for all students, will consult with parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, students, administrators, and community representatives in developing this policy in compliance with applicable Oregon law.

Hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing and acts of cyberbullying by students, staff, or ~~and~~ third parties toward students is~~are~~ strictly prohibited in the district. Teen dating violence is unacceptable behavior and prohibited. Each student has the right to a safe learning environment.

Retaliation against any person who is a victim of, who reports, is thought to have reported, or files a complaint about an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, an act of cyberbullying, or teen dating violence, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is strictly prohibited. A person who engages in retaliatory behavior will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in consequences and appropriate remedial action.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including expulsion.

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

Students, staff, or third parties may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

Each principal and the superintendent are responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented.

Definitions

"District" includes district facilities, district premises, and nondistrict~~non-district~~ property if the student is at any district-sponsored, district-approved, or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the jurisdiction of the district.

"Third parties" include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors, or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at inter-district and intra-district athletic competitions or other school events.

"Hazing" includes, but is not limited to:

1. Any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored activity or grade level attainment, (i.e., personal servitude, sexual stimulation/sexual assault, forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student);

2. Requires, encourages, authorizes or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any obscene or physically burdensome article; or

3. Assignment of pranks to be performed or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

It is not a defense against hazing that the student subjected to hazing consented to or appeared to consent to the hazing.

"Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to district grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on district-provided transportation, or at any official district bus stop, that may be based on, but not limited to, the protected class status of a person, and having the effect of:

1. Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;

2. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property; or

3. Creating a hostile educational environment including interfering with the psychological well-being of the student.

"Protected class" means a group of persons distinguished, or perceived to be distinguished, by race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity[1], national origin, marital status, familial status, source of income, or disability.

"Teen dating violence" means:

4. 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~~on~~ or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age; or

5. 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.

"Domestic violence" means abuse ~~by one or more of the following acts~~ between family and/or household members, as those terms are described in ORS 107.705.~~:~~

~~[1] "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behaviors differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.~~

~~6. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury;~~

~~7. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury;~~

~~8. Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.~~

"Cyberbullying" is the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully.

"Retaliation" means any acts of, including but not limited to, [hazing,]harassment, intimidation or bullying,[menacing], or cyberbullying toward the victim, a person in response to an actual or apparent reporting of, or participation in the investigation of, hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, acts of cyberbullying, teen dating violence, or retaliation.

"Menacing" includes, any act intended to place a district employee, student, or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

Reporting

The principal will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any reported acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, acts of cyberbullying, or teen dating violence. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report concerns to the principal who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any employee who has knowledge of incidents of teen dating violence that took place on district property, at a district-sponsored activity, or in a vehicle used for district-provided transportation shall immediately report the incident to the principal. Failure of an employee to report any act of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, cyberbullying, or teen dating violence to the principal may be subject to remedial action, up to and including dismissal. Remedial action may not be based solely on an anonymous report.

Any student who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they have been subjected to an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying, or feel they have been a victim of teen dating violence in violation of this policy, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the principal who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any volunteer who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the principal.

A report made by a student or volunteer may be made anonymously. A student or volunteer may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official.

Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair.

The person who makes the report shall be notified when the investigation has been completed and, as appropriate, the findings of the investigation and any remedial action that has been taken. The person who made the report may request that the superintendent review the actions taken in the initial investigation, in accordance with district complaint procedures.

Notification to Parents or Guardians

The [employee position title] shall notify the parents or guardians of a student who was subject to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying, and the parents or guardians of a student who may have conducted an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying.

The notification must occur with involvement and consideration of the needs and concerns of the student who was the subject to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying. The notification is

not required if the [employee position title] reasonably believes notification could endanger the student who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying or if all of the following occur:

1. The student who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying requests that notification not be provided to the student's parents or guardians.

2. The [employee position title] determines that notification is not in the best interest of the student who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying; and

3. The [employee position title] informs the student that federal law may require the student's parents and guardians to have access to the student's education record, including any requests of nondisclosure (from item 1 above).

If the [employee position title] determines the notification is not in the best interest of the student, they must inform the student of that determination prior to providing notification.

When notification is provided, the notification must occur:

1. Within a reasonable period of time; or

2. Promptly, for acts that caused physical harm to the student.

Training and Education

The district shall incorporate into existing training programs for students, ~~and staff~~ information related to the prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying, and acts of cyberbullying and this policy.

The district shall incorporate age-appropriate education about teen dating violence and domestic violence into new or existing training programs for students in grades 7 through 12.

The district shall incorporate into existing training programs for staff information related to the prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence, domestic violence, and acts of cyberbullying and this policy.

Notice

The superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring annual notice of this policy is provided in student handbooks and staff handbooks. The policy will also be available in the school and district offices and posted on the school and district websites. Complaint procedures, as established by the district, shall be followed.

Domestic violence posters provided by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) shall be posted in clearly visible locations on school campuses in accordance with rules adopted by ODE.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 163.190
ORS 163.197
ORS 107.705
ORS 166.065
ORS 166.155 - 166.165
ORS 174.100

ORS 332.072
ORS 332.107
ORS 339.240
ORS 339.250
ORS 339.351 - 339.368
OAR 581-021-0045
OAR 581-021-0046
OAR 581-021-0055
OAR 581-022-2310
OAR 581-022-2370
House Bill 2631 (2021)
House Bill 3041 (2021)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).

Cross Reference(s):

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment
JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment
JFCM - Threats of Violence

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Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The district will designate a {[6]}licensed administrator and an alternate licensed administrator, in the event that the designated licensed administrator is the suspected abuser, for each school building to receive reports of suspected abuse of a child by district employees, contractors, agents, volunteers or students.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall also report to the Board chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The district shall provide information and training each school year to district employees on the prevention and identification of abuse, the obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050 and as directed by Board policy to report suspected abuse of a child, and appropriate electronic communications with students. The district shall make available each school year the training described

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

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

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

1. A description of conduct that may constitute abuse;

2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected abuse is substantiated; and

3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors, and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, as provided under ORS 339.378. [A district employee, contractor or agent will not assist another district employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has reasonable or probable cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in abuse, unless criteria found in ORS 339.378(2)(c) are applicable.].

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

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

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 339.370 - 339.400
ORS 418.257 - 418.259
ORS 419B.005 - 419B.050
OAR 581-022-2205

Greene v. Camreta, 588 F.3d 1011 (9th Cir. 2009), vacated in part by, remanded by Camreta v. Greene, 131 S. Ct. 2020 (U.S. 2011); vacated in part, remanded by Greene v. Camreta 661 F.3d 1201 (9th Cir. 2011).
Senate Bill 51 (2021).

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Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

Reporting

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

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

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

If the superintendent is the alleged abuser the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Definitions

1. Oregon law recognizes these and other types of abuse:

    a. Physical;
    b. Neglect;

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

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

c. Mental injury;
d. Threat of harm;
e. Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

2. "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age or is under 21 years of age and residing in or receiving care or services at a child-caring agency.

3. A "substantiated report" means a report of abuse that a law enforcement agency or DHS determines is founded.

Confidentiality of Records

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

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

Failure to Comply

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

Cooperation with Investigator

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

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

   Law enforcement officials~~officers~~ wishing to remove a student from the premises shall present themselves at the office and contact the administrator or designee. The law enforcement official~~officer~~ shall sign the student out in accordance with district procedures~~on a form to be provided by the school~~;

2. When the subject matter of the interview or investigation is identified to be related to suspected abuse of a child, district employees shall not notify parents or anyone else other than DHS or law enforcement agency and any school employee necessary to enable the investigation;

3. The administrator or designee shall advise the investigator of any conditions of disability prior to any interview with the affected child;

4. District employees are not authorized to reveal anything that transpires during an investigation in which the employee participates, nor shall the information become part of the student's education records, except that the employee may testify at any subsequent trial resulting from the investigation and may be interviewed by the respective litigants prior to any such trial.

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

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Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises

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

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

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

Investigator Name (Printed)	Name of Agency
Name of Worker's/Investigator's Supervisor	Supervisor Contact Information
Investigator Position and Badge or ID Number	Student Name School
Investigator Signature	Date

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

FOR COMPLETION BY DISTRICT STAFF

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

Name of Administrator Notified

Name of Office Staff Involved

Name of Participating Administrator

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

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Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements

Sexual conduct by district employees, contractors[1], agents[2], and volunteers[3] is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers are subject to this policy. Students are also subject to this policy if they are acting as an employee, contractor, agent or volunteer.

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

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

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

[1] "Contractor" means a person providing services to the district under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

[2] "Agent" means a person acting as an agent for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

[3] "Volunteer" means a person acting as a volunteer for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

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

Any district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer who has reasonable cause to believe that a student has been subjected to sexual conduct by another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, or that another district employee, contractor, agent or volunteer has engaged in sexual conduct with a student shall immediately report such suspected sexual conduct to the {[5]}designated licensed administrator or the alternate designated licensed administrator, in the event the designated administrator is the suspected perpetrator, for their school building. If the conduct also constitutes child abuse, the employee must make mandatory reports in accordance with Board policy GBNAB/JHFE – Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall report the suspected sexual conduct to the Board chair.

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

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

When there is reasonable cause to support the report, a district employee suspected of sexual conduct shall be placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

When there is reasonable cause to support the report, a district contractor, agent or volunteer suspected of sexual conduct shall be removed from providing services to the district and the district will take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety.

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

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

A district employee, contractor or agent will not assist another district employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe the district employee, contractor or agent engaged in sexual conduct. Nothing in this policy prevents the district from disclosing

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

information required by law or providing the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files pursuant to law.

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

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

1. A description of conduct that may constitute sexual conduct;

2. A description of the investigatory process and possible consequences if a report of suspected sexual conduct is substantiated; and

3. A description of the prohibitions imposed on district employees, contractors and agents when they attempt to obtain a new job, pursuant to ORS 339.378(2).

All district employees are subject to Board policy GCAB - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Staff regarding appropriate electronic communications with students.

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

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107 ORS 339.370 - 339.400 ORS 419B.005 - 419B.045

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7926 (2018).
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Suspected Sexual Conduct Report Procedures and Form

~~When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person licensed[1] through Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), the designee shall notify TSPC as soon as possible. When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a person who is not licensed through TSPC, the designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as soon as possible.~~

The district posts in each school building the names and contact information of the district employees{[2]} designated for the respective ~~in each~~ school building ~~designated~~ to receive reports of suspected sexual conduct and the procedures the designee(s) will follow upon receipt of the report.

When a designated licensed administrator[3] receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a commission licensee[4], the designee shall notify Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). The designee shall notify the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) if the administrator receives a report of suspected sexual conduct that may have been committed by a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer that is not a commission licensee.

If the superintendent is the alleged perpetrator the report shall be submitted to the Director of Human Resources who shall refer the report to the Board chair.

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

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, and there is reasonable cause to support the report, the district shall place the district employee on paid administrative

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

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

[3] A "licensed administrator" is a person employed as an administrator by the district and holds an administrative license issued by TSPC or may be a person employed by the district that does not hold an administrative license issued by TSPC if the district does not require the administrator to be licensed by TSPC.

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

leave[5] and take necessary actions to ensure the student's safety. The employee shall remain on leave until TSPC[6] or ODE[7] determines that the report is substantiated and the district takes appropriate employment action against the employee, or cannot be substantiated or is not a report of sexual conduct and the district determines either: 1) an employment policy was violated and the district will take appropriate employment action against the employee; or 2) an employment policy has not been~~be~~ violated and an employment action against the employee is not required. ~~The district will investigate all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are licensed by the TSPC, unless otherwise requested by TSPC, and all reports of suspected sexual conduct by persons who are not licensed by TSPC, unless otherwise requested by ODE.~~

When the designee receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a contractor, an agent or a volunteer, the district may prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services to the district. If the district determines there is reasonable cause to support a report of suspected sexual conduct, the district shall prohibit the contractor, agent or volunteer from providing services. The district may reinstate the contractor, agent or volunteer, and such reinstatement may not occur until such time as a report of suspected sexual conduct has been investigated and a determination has been made by TSPC or ODE, as appropriate, that the report is unsubstantiated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[6] TSPC investigates reports on commission licensees.

[7] ODE investigates reports on persons who are not commission licensees.

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

Training

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

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;

2. Obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and 419B.005 - 419B.050 and under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and

3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

The district shall make available each school year the training described above to contractors, agents, volunteers and to parents and legal guardians of students attending district-operated schools, and will be made available separately from the training provided to district employees.

The district shall provide to contractors, agents and volunteers each school year information on the following:

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;

2. Obligations of district employees under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and

3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

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

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SUSPECTED SEXUAL CONDUCT REPORT FORM

Name of person making report: _____

Position of person making report: _____

Name of person suspected of sexual conduct: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

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Description of suspected sexual conduct: _____

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Name of witnesses (if any): _____

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

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Any other information: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of witness: _____

Position of witness: _____

Date of testimony/interview: _____

Description of instance witnessed: _____

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Any other information: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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