

### **Communicable Diseases in Schools**

The district shall provide reasonable protection against the risk of exposure to communicable disease for students and employees while engaged in the performance of their duties. Reasonable protection from communicable disease is generally attained through immunization, exclusion or other measures as provided by Oregon law, by the local health department or in the *Communicable Disease Guidance for Schools* published by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

A student or employee may not attend school or work, respectively, while in a communicable stage of a restrictable disease or when an administrator has reason to suspect the student or employee has or has been exposed to any disease for which exclusion is required in accordance with law. The district may provide an educational program in an alternative setting. Services will be provided to students as required by law.

Employees shall comply with all other measures adopted by the district and with all rules adopted by Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division and the local health department.

The district shall protect the confidentiality of each student’s and employee’s health condition and record to the extent possible and consistent with federal and state law. In cases when a restrictable or reportable disease is diagnosed and confirmed for a student, the administrator may inform employees with a legitimate educational interest.

The district will include, as part of its general emergency plans, a description of the actions to be taken by district staff in and by the district in response to medical emergencies.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

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| <a href="#">ORS 332.107</a>           | <a href="#">ORS 433.110</a>           | <a href="#">OAR 333-019-0010</a>                                 |
| <a href="#">ORS 431.150 - 431.157</a> | <a href="#">ORS 433.235 - 433.284</a> | <a href="#">OAR 333-019-001</a> <a href="#">OAR 581-022-2220</a> |
| <a href="#">ORS 433.001 – 433.004</a> |                                       | <a href="#">OAR 581-022-2225</a>                                 |
| <a href="#">ORS 433.010</a>           | <a href="#">OAR 333-018</a>           |  |

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, *Communicable Disease Guidance for Schools*  
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2023).  
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d to -1320d-8 (2018); 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 164 (2023).