

**Greater Albany SD 8J**  
Board Policy

Code: **GCL**  
Adopted: 3/12/01

**Professional Development - Licensed**

The Board recognizes the importance of continued educational experiences and other professional growth activities as a means to improve job performance. Continual work toward professional growth will be expected of all licensed staff members.

Professional growth experiences may include, but are not limited to, college courses, workshops, inservices, curriculum planning, research, travel, supervision of teacher trainees and other activities approved by the supervisor.

When contracting with third parties to provide training for employees, the district recognizes it is not relieved of the responsibility to ensure that appropriate reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities have been made. The district will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure such training, whether provided by the district or through district contracts with third parties, is made available for disabled employees.

Requests for release time for attendance at meetings or conferences may be approved as deemed appropriate by the district and with the stipulation that: (1) requests are to be submitted sufficiently in advance to permit district consideration; and (2) where release time is granted, a written report will be submitted to the administration after such meeting or conference. Where such meetings or conferences are devoted primarily or exclusively to organizational or business affairs of associations of teachers, political workshops, training sessions for consultation committees and like activities, it is not considered appropriate to expend district funds.

Continuing professional development (CPD) plan requirements, as set forth in OAR Chapter 584, Division 090 by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) for license renewal, are the sole responsibility of the employee.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.095  
ORS 329.125  
ORS 329.704

ORS 342.135 (2)(a)  
ORS 342.138 (3)

OAR 581-022-0606  
OAR 581-022-1720  
OAR 584-090-0001 to -0060

Clackamas Intermediate Education District Education Association v. Clackamas Intermediate Education District, Case No. C-141-77, 3 PECBR 1848 (1978).

Eugene Education Association v. Eugene School District 4J, Case No. C-93-79, 5 PECBR 3004 (1980).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000); 28 CFR Part 35 (2000).