

**Greater Albany SD 8J  
Board Policy**

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### **Student Health Services and Requirements**

Although the district's primary responsibility is to educate students, the student's health and general welfare is also a major Board concern. The Board believes school programs should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances student and employee health and is consistent with good health practices.

The nurse(s) employed/contracted by the district shall be licensed to practice as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse or nurse practitioner in Oregon and will function as an integral member of the instruction staff, serving as a resource person to teachers and administrators in securing appropriate information and materials on health-related topics.

The district shall maintain a prevention oriented health services program which provides:

1. Pertinent health information on the students, as required by Oregon statutes or regulations;
2. Health appraisal to include screening for possible vision or hearing problems and also scoliosis;
3. Health counseling for students and parents or guardians<sup>1</sup> when appropriate;
4. Health care and first-aid assistance that is appropriately supervised and isolates the sick or injured child from the student body;
5. Control and prevention of communicable diseases as required by the Oregon Department of Human Services and the county health department;
6. Assistance for students in taking prescription and/or nonprescription medication according to established district procedures;
7. Services for students who are medically fragile or have special health care needs;
8. Integration of school health services with school health education programs.

The Board directs its district health staff to coordinate with health personnel from other public agencies in matters pertaining to health instruction or the general health of students and employees.

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<sup>1</sup>As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.

In accordance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), the district recognizes its responsibility to notify parents or guardians in advance of any non-emergency, invasive examination<sup>2</sup> or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered and scheduled by the school in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

Notification will be provided at least annually at the beginning of the school year or when enrolling students for the first time in school and will include the dates during the school year when such activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

Procedures shall be developed and implemented to carry out this policy. All district employees will be apprised of their responsibilities in this area. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their students be exempt from participation in vision or hearing screening. The district will abide by those requests.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.025](#)

[ORS 336.201](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-022-1440](#)

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2015); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2015).

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. § 8548.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

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<sup>2</sup>The term “invasive physical examination,” as defined by law, means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. The term does not include any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.