

Mother Friendly Workplace

The district recognizes that a normal and important role for mothers is to have the option and ability to provide for their child by breast feeding or expressing milk in the workplace. The Board directs the superintendent/designee to take measures and develop regulations to ensure that all district employees shall be provided with an adequate location for the expression of milk or breast feeding.

The superintendent/designee shall see that the district makes a reasonable effort to provide a room or other location in close proximity to the employee's work area, other than a restroom, where an employee can breast-feed her child or express milk in privacy. This policy directs the superintendent/designee to include the following in the development of a regulation to ensure the provisions for employees who can avail themselves of this policy.

1. Have access to a private room with a lock that would allow a mother to:
 - a. Breast-feed her child brought in during a lunch or other break period;
 - b. Pump breast milk to be stored for later use;
 - c. Electrical outlets for electric pumps;
 - d. Sanitation facilities including a sink close by, for hand washing and the rinsing of containers;
 - e. A sign up sheet and a sign posting the room as "private" during use.

A reasonable effort will be made to provide a flexible work schedule in consideration of the requirements of the staff member's responsibility.

The district shall provide the employee a 30-minute rest period to breast-feed or express milk during each 4-hour work period, or the major part of a 4-hour work period, to be taken by the employee approximately in the middle of the work period.¹ If feasible, the employee will take the rest period at the same time as the rest periods or meal periods provided by the district.

This policy and a list of designated locations will be published in the employee handbook. A list of designated locations must be readily available upon request in the central office of each school facility and in the district's central office.

END OF POLICY

¹Districts should refer to their collective bargaining agreements to determine if the "rest period" is paid, nonpaid or a combination.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)

[ORS 653.077](#)

[ORS 653.256](#)

[OAR 839-020-0051](#)

Cross Reference(s):

GCBD/GDBD - Licensed Leaves and Absences