

Trauma Informed Schools

A trauma informed approach to education is intended to improve attendance, graduation rates and reduce incidents of behaviors that can inhibit learning.

The ESD recognizes that the developmental impact of childhood and historical trauma increases student risk for, but not limited to, academic failure, severe attendance problems, severe school behavior concerns and possible chronic health concerns; which negatively impacts student engagement and learning.

The ESD is committed to providing trauma informed schools and culturally responsive programs where all students feel included, welcomed, valued and supported; and where addressing trauma's impact on learning school wide is integral to the ESD's educational mission.

The ESD will strive to create physically and emotionally safe, and culturally responsive environments for all staff, students and families through effective professional development in school procedures and school practices and instruction in the following areas: 1) understanding the widespread impact of trauma and the role of schools in promoting resiliency; 2) recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, families and staff; and 3) integrating knowledge about trauma and social emotional learning in children.

The superintendent or designee is directed to implement a trauma informed approach to education through the application of culturally responsive trauma informed practices in the ESD's schools and programs.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)