

Mother Friendly Workplace

The MESD 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 breast milk in the workplace. The Board directs the superintendent or designee to take measures and develop regulations to ensure that all ESD employees shall be provided with an adequate location for the expression of milk or breast feeding.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that MESD 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 breast milk in privacy.

This policy directs the superintendent or designee to include the following in the development of a regulation to ensure the provisions for employees required by this policy:

1. The advice of a school nurse or health professional in determining the most reasonable facility accommodation;
2. The plan shall include an accessible, private room with a lock that would allow a mother:
 - a. To breast-feed a child brought in during a lunch or other break period; or
 - b. To pump breast milk to be stored for later use.
3. The room shall include:
 - a. Electrical outlets for electric pumps;
 - b. Sanitation facilities including a sink close by, for hand washing and the rinsing of containers; and
 - c. 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 MESD 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. The employee may use two paid fifteen minute rest periods a day. If feasible, the employee will take the rest period at the same time as the rest periods or meal periods provided by the MESD.

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 ESD facility and at the ESD central office.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)

[ORS 653.077](#)

[ORS 653.256](#)

[OAR 839-020-0051](#)

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AC - Non-Discrimination

EC - Management of Buildings and Grounds

GB - Personnel Policies

GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity

GBE - Staff Health and Safety