

Student Health Services and Requirements

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 by the MESD shall be licensed to practice in Oregon and shall function as an integral member of the instructional staff, serving as a resource person to teachers in securing appropriate information and materials on health-related topics.

MESD shall provide:

1. One registered nurse or school nurse for every 125 medically fragile students;
2. One registered nurse or school nurse or one licensed practical nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse or school nurse for each nursing-dependent student; and
3. One registered nurse or school nurse for every 225 medically complex students.

MESD shall use the most cost effective means available to meet the above requirements.

MESD shall maintain a prevention-oriented health services program which provides:

1. Pertinent health information on the students, as required by Oregon statutes or rules;
2. Health appraisal to include screening for possible vision or hearing problems;
3. Health counseling for students and parents, when appropriate;
4. Health-care and first-aid assistance that are appropriately supervised and isolates the sick or injured child from the student body;
5. Control and prevention of communicable diseases as required by Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, and the county health department;
6. Assistance for students in taking prescription and/or nonprescription medication according to established ESD procedures per ORS 339.870;
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 and coordination with health and social services agencies, public and private.

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

In accordance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), MESD recognizes its responsibility to notify parents in advance of any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as 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 shall be provided at least annually at the beginning of the school year or when enrolling students for the first time in school and shall include the specific or approximate 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 MESD employees shall be appraised of their responsibilities in this area. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their students be exempt from participation in vision or hearing screening. MESD shall abide by those requests.

END OF POLICY

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.