

**News/Media - HIV+, or AIDS\*\***

The district shall appoint a district spokesperson who shall respond to media inquiries regarding rumored or identified HIV+ or AIDS cases.

The spokesperson shall stress:

- School districts are not informed of a person infected with HIV or AIDS unless the infected person or his/her parent or guardian releases the information;
- School districts, if informed, may not release the information unless the infected person or parent or guardian gives permission for such release;
- School districts may not prevent a staff member from working if he/she is able to perform his/her job responsibilities. Students have a right to continue to attend school.

The district shall ask the local health department or other health authorities to assist the district spokesperson in responding to the media.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 326.565](#)  
[ORS 326.575](#)  
[ORS 332.061](#)  
[ORS 336.187](#)  
[ORS 342.850\(7\)](#)  
[ORS 433.008](#)  
[ORS 433.045](#)

[OAR 333-012-0270](#)  
[OAR 333-018-0000](#)  
[OAR 333-018-0005](#)  
[OAR 333-018-0030](#)  
[OAR 581-015-0005](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1440](#)