

# Ontario School District 8

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## **Student Health Services and Requirements**

Although the district's primary responsibility is to educate students, the student's health and general welfare is also a major Board concern. 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 district shall be licensed to practice as a registered nurse or nurse practitioner in Oregon and will 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.

The district shall maintain a prevention oriented health services program which provides:

1. Pertinent health information on the students, as required by Oregon statutes or regulations;
2. Health appraisal to include screening for possible vision or hearing problems and also scoliosis;
3. Health counseling for students and parents when appropriate;
4. Health care and first-aid assistance that is appropriately supervised and isolates the sick or injured child from the student body;
5. Control and prevention of communicable diseases as required by the State Health Division and the county health department;
6. Assistance for students in taking prescribed medication according to established district procedures;
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.

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

Procedures shall be developed and implemented to carry out this policy. All district employees will be apprised of their responsibilities in this area. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their students be exempt from participation in scoliosis, vision or hearing screening. The district will abide by those requests.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-022-1440](#)

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).