

Rainier School District 13

Code: **GBEBD**
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HIV+ and AIDS Rumor Control – Staff

The district shall use a two-pronged approach for rumor control related to HIV+ and AIDS before a rumor begins and during an “active” rumor.

Before a rumor begins, the district shall annually notify staff, students, parents, media and the general public through handbooks and newspaper articles of the confidentiality requirements placed upon school districts as outlined in the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules and the right a staff member or a student may have to continue working or attending school.

The district shall emphasize that unless a staff member or the student (parent/guardian) chooses to divulge an HIV+ or AIDS condition, the district will have no information except to reiterate the requirements in the law regarding confidentiality and individual rights. This will be stated routinely and in cases of an “active” rumor.

If the staff member or student (parent/guardian) wishes to divulge information and continues working or attending school, the district shall meet with the infected party or representative to develop a written procedure outlining minimally what information will be given, who will give the information, when and where the information will be given, how the information will be given and who will receive the information. The procedures will be signed for approval by the infected party or representative.

The district shall appoint a district spokesperson who shall be responsible for responding to staff, students, parents, media and the public in general.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 433.008](#)
[ORS 433.045](#)

[OAR 333-012-0270](#)
[OAR 333-018-0000](#)
[OAR 333-018-0005\(1\)\(a\)](#)

[OAR 333-018-0030](#)
[OAR 581-015-0005](#)