

**Saint Helens  
School District 502**

Code: **IFC**  
Adopted: 8/23/99  
Readopted: 5/29/07  
Orig. Code(s): IFC

**Oregon 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Program**

The Board supports the real and fundamental changes that are fostered by the “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program.”

The “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program,” is a program that encourages the restructuring of school operations by allowing teachers, administrators, other school personnel and the public working together to modify or waive or both, certain statutes, rules and local policies and agreements in order to promote greater flexibility in the way schools are organized, managed and financed. In exchange for such flexibility, standards of student learning and other educational performance shall be established. Clear and measurable accountability shall be provided.

To be eligible for the “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program,” the Board is responsible for submitting the application.

Further responsibilities of the Board include obtaining a letter of support from the Board and approval for any rules, policies and agreements that are to be modified or waived. Amendments must also be accompanied by a statement of support from the Board, exclusive representative of teachers, if applicable, and each building site committee involved in the project.

At least one Board member to be chosen by the Board shall serve on the district planning committee if one is established.

Board approval is required to terminate the district’s application.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 243.650](#)  
[ORS 342.553](#)  
[ORS 243.782](#)  
[ORS 342.513](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)  
[ORS 342.608](#)  
[ORS 342.610](#)  
[ORS 342.613](#)  
[ORS 342.650](#)

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