

## **Communicable Diseases - Students**

The district shall provide reasonable protection against the risk of exposure to communicable disease for students. Reasonable protection from communicable disease is generally attained through immunization, exclusion or other measures as provided by Oregon law, by the local health department or in the *Communicable Disease Guidance* published by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Services will be provided to students as required by law.

When an administrator has reason to suspect that a student has or has been exposed to any restrictable disease for which the student is required to be excluded the administrator involved shall exclude the student from school and if the disease is a reportable disease, will report the occurrence to the local health department. The administrator will also take whatever reasonable steps it considers necessary to organize and operate its programs in a way which both furthers the education and protects the health of the students and others.

In cases when a restrictable or reportable disease is diagnosed and confirmed for a student, the administrator shall inform the appropriate employees with a legitimate educational interest to protect against the risk of exposure.

The district may, for the protection of both the student who has a restrictable disease and the exposed student, provide an educational program in an alternative setting.

The district will include, as a part of its emergency plan, a description of the actions to be taken by district personnel in the case of a declared public health emergency or other catastrophe that disrupts district operations.

The district shall protect the confidentiality of each student's health condition<sup>4</sup> and record to the extent possible and consistent with federal and state law.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations necessary to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 431.150 to -431.157](#)  
[ORS 433.001 to -433.526](#)  
[OAR 333-018](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)  
[OAR 333-019-0014](#)  
[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 437-002-0377](#)  
[OAR 581-022-2220](#)

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, *Communicable Disease Guidance* (2017).  
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2017); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2017).

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