

DIVISION 22
STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Health Services - Draft Update

(1) School districts, education service districts, and public charter schools shall develop, implement, and annually update a written prevention-oriented health services plan for all students. The plan must describe a health services program for all students at each facility that is owned or leased where students are present for regular programming. The health services plan will be created and maintained by the administration of each district and charter school serving students. Health services plans must include:

(a) Health care space that is appropriately supervised and adequately equipped for providing health care and administering medication or first aid.

(b) Communicable disease prevention and management plan that includes school-level protocols for:

(i) Notifying the local public health authority (LPHA) if absence due to illness threshold, as established by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or LPHA, of students and staff is attained.

(ii) Exclusion of individuals consistent with OAR 333-019-0010, with a description of an isolation space that is appropriately supervised and adequately equipped and that can be used exclusively for the supervision and care of a sick child when a sick child is present in the school.

(iii) Implementing mitigation measures if cases warrant or if recommended by the Oregon Health Authority or LPHA.

(iv) Identifying, understanding and responding to the needs of students who are more likely to have severe disease outcomes or loss of access to education due to a communicable disease, and responding to those needs.

(v) Responding to the mental health impacts of a communicable disease outbreak in the school.

(vi) Ensuring continuity of education for students who may miss school due to illness.

(c) A district-to-school communication plan that includes a:

(i) Point of contact to facilitate communication, maintain healthy operations, and respond to communicable disease questions from schools, state or local public health authorities, state or local regulatory agencies, students, families and staff;

(ii) Protocol to provide all staff and families with contact information for the point of contact; and

(iii) Process to notify as soon as possible all families and other individuals if there has been a case of a restrictable disease as defined by OAR 333-019-0010 on the premises if advised by an LPHA or the OHA.

(d) Health screening information, including required immunizations and TB certificates, when required by ORS 433.260 and 431.110 and OAR 333-019-0010.

(e) Services for all students, including those who are medically complex, medically fragile or nursing dependent, and those who have approved 504 plans, individual education program plans, and individualized health care plans or special health care needs as required by ORS 336.201, 339.869, OAR 581-021-0037, 581-015-2040, 581-015-2045, and 851-045-0040 to 0060;. and 851-047-0010 to 0030.

(f) Integration of school health services with school health education programs and coordination with health and social service agencies, public and private.

(g) Hearing screening; and vision and dental screening as required by ORS 336.211 and 336.213.

(h) Process to assess and determine a student's health services needs, including availability of a nurse to assess student nursing needs upon, during, and following enrollment with one or more new medical diagnose(s) impacting a student's access to education, and implement the student's individual health plan prior to attending as per 336.201.

(i) Compliance with OR-OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards for all persons who are assigned to job tasks which may put them at risk for exposure to body fluids per OAR 437-002-0360.

(k) Policy and procedures for medications, as per ORS 339.866 to 339.874 and OAR 581-021-0037.

(j) Guidelines for the management of students who are medically complex, medically fragile, or nursing dependent as defined by ORS 336.201, including students with life-threatening food allergies and adrenal insufficiency while the student is in school, at a school-sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, in before-school or after-school care programs on school-owned property, and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities. The guidelines must include:

(i) Standards for the education and training of school personnel to manage students with life threatening allergies or adrenal insufficiency;

(ii) Procedures for responding to life-threatening medical conditions including allergic reactions or adrenal crisis;

(iii) A process for the development of an individualized health care plan for every medically complex, medically fragile, nursing dependent student, including students with a known life-threatening allergy and an individualized health care plan for every student for whom the school district has been given proper notice of a diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency per OAR 581-021-0037;

(iv) Protocols for preventing exposures to allergens; and

(v) A process for determining if or when a student may self-carry prescription medication when the student has not been approved to self-administer medication as allowed by 581-021-0037.

(2) School districts, education service districts, and charter schools shall ensure that nurses who provide health services to students are licensed to practice nursing by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN):

(a) School districts, education service districts, and charter schools may employ Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) in alignment with LPN supervision requirements of OAR 851-045-0050 to 0060.

(b) Job descriptions and nursing delegation considerations shall reflect assignments complying with the Oregon State Board of Nursing Scope of Practice Administrative Rules for all levels of

licensed providers, including standards for the evaluation and assessment of students, provision of services, medication administration, supervision of unlicensed staff and documentation of services provided per Division 47.

(c) School districts, education service districts, and charter schools that employ Registered Nurses who are not certified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission as school nurses, shall not designate such personnel as "school nurse" by job title.

(3) Each school shall have, at a minimum, at least one staff member with a current first aid/CPR/AED card for every 60 students enrolled, as set by ORS 339.345, and 342.664 and who are trained annually on the district and building emergency plans. Emergency planning will include the presence of at least one staff member with a current first aid/CPR/AED card for every 60 students for school-sponsored activities where students are present.

(4) Schools that contract or pay for health services must ensure services are comprehensive, medically accurate, and inclusive as defined by OAR 581-022-2050.

(5) Each school building must have a written plan for response to medical emergencies; such plan should be articulated with general emergency plans for buildings and districts as required by OAR 581-022-2225.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 326.051

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 326.051