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Emily Nazarov  
Administrator for the State Board of Education  
Oregon Department of Education  
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Dear Ms. Nazarov:

The Beaverton School District requests a waiver of **OAR 581-022-1131 – minimum instructional hours per course** under OAR 581-022-1920 for the 2014-15 school year.

In the **DIVISION 22 STANDARDS and INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS Guidance** issued by the Department in April, the Department stated it “recognizes that the rules governing minimum hours per year and minimum hours per credit are not perfectly aligned” and indicated that “the Department will undertake a process to review and revise OAR 581-022-1131 and OAR 581-022-1620 during the 2014-15 school year”. We believe a waiver of the minimum instructional hours per course serves the best interests of students while the Department is undertaking this work. The District would like to continue to offer our students the opportunity to earn seven credits per year while also receiving academic support and opportunities to meet graduation requirements.

The district has a full calendar of students contact days during 2014-15 and will be in compliance with OAR 581-022-1620. We will continue to follow our Administrative Regulation IKF/IKFA/IKH-AR related to Graduation Requirements which we believe conforms with the intent of the instructional hours per course standard:

- Students are awarded credit for successful demonstration of knowledge and skills that meets or exceeds defined of performance that reflect college and career readiness. Students may demonstrate proficiency through classroom work or documentation of learning experiences outside of school, or through a combination of these means. In courses where proficiency standards have not been established, one hundred thirty clock hours of instruction shall be the minimum requirement for awarding one credit.

**District Goal:** All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

We will also increase the opportunities available to high school students who need more time to demonstrate proficiency to earn a unit of credit.

The district's plan for getting back into compliance with **OAR 581-022-1131** by 2015-16 depends on the outcome of the Department's re-examination of the instructional hours standards. We could increase the length of the school day for high school and options students, reduce the number of courses high school students can take, and/or restructure high school schedules in some other way in order to ensure credits awarded to our high school students conform with Division 22 standards.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Rose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

Jeff Rose, Ed.D.