



**HEALTH SERVICES-
IMPLEMENTATION**

I. General.

- (1) Health Examinations. It is recommended that students entering school for the first time have a complete physical and dental examination. Teachers with concerns regarding student health issues should refer students and parents to the school nurse.
- (2) Services Provided by the Education Service to District Students. The district may, through resolution services and/or contractual agreements with Multnomah Education Service District and/or other public health agencies, provide health services to students.

II. Responsibilities for Health Services

- (1) Routine health exams and screenings are conducted in schools.
 - (a) Students in pre-K, kindergarten, and grades one, three, five and seven routinely receive Snellen vision screening. Parents will be advised of screening results and referral recommendations. Students in other grades are referred as needed.
 - (b) Students in pre-K, kindergarten, and ~~grades one, three, and five~~ routinely receive audiometric examinations as a hearing screening. Parents will be advised of screening results and referral recommendations. Students in other grades are referred as needed.
 - (c) A daily fluoride tablet program is offered upon request at no cost to schools or families.
- (2) District employees, public health agencies, and educational school districts work together to identify health issues and provide resources to assist students with health concerns. The responsibilities are as follows:

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	Teacher	School Administration	Multnomah County School Community Dental Health	MESD Nurse
Dental	Identify students having deviations from normal, reporting to parents and/or the principal; encourage students to have good oral health practices	Provide guidance to staff regarding procedures; take other action when appropriate	Offer preventative dental health services to schools such as daily fluoride tablets and dental sealant program	Encourage students to have good oral health practices
	Teacher	School Administration	MESD Nurse	MESD Audiometrists
Hearing	Identify students with poor or defective articulation, ear complaints to school speech clinician and school nurse	Provide guidance to staff regarding procedures; take other action when appropriate	Follow up with parents as appropriate	Conduct hearing screenings

	Teacher	School Administration	MESD Nurse
Vision	Identify students with vision concerns to school nurse	Provide guidance to staff regarding procedures; take other action when appropriate	Conduct Snellen vision screenings; follow up with parents as appropriate
Mental	Identify students with unusual learning or socio-emotional difficulties related to behavior problems; refer to principal, counselor, school nurse, school-based clinic or other support personnel	Provide guidance to staff regarding procedures; make further referrals as appropriate	Provide risk assessment and follow-up with parents/guardians as indicated and offer referral resources when appropriate.
Communicable Diseases	Refer students suspected of having communicable disease to school nurse or to principal in absence of school nurse	Follow policies and procedures outlined in manual Communicable Diseases in a School Setting, Section I. Guidelines for Exclusion; send suspected child home with Notice of Exclusion Form for parents; readmit student when symptom-free or permission of physician, school or public health nurse following manual Section II Recommendations for School Attendance/Restriction/Reporting	Follow policies and procedures outlined in manual Communicable Diseases in a School Setting, Section I. Guidelines for Exclusion

III. Head Lice

Although head lice is not categorized as a communicable disease, it is recognized as a health issue that can affect a student's focus and comfort and can be passed on to other students in a classroom setting if the students are not following good health practices.

- (1) A student with live lice should be excluded from school, and sent home with lice treatment information.
 - (a) A student with no live lice may return to school, even if nits are present. Parents are strongly urged to remove all nits from their child's hair to help prevent re-infestation.
 - (b) Students will be re-checked for lice and nits upon initial re-entry and at 7 and 14 days after re-entry into school.
 - (i) If live lice are present, the student will be excluded from school again.
 - (ii) If after 14 days live lice remain present, the student will be excluded again and must remain out of school until there are no lice or nits.

IV. Medical Records

- (1) The district will maintain an Oregon School Health Record Screening folder for each child on which all significant medical information should be recorded.
- (2) The Oregon School Health Screening Record folder shall be maintained as a part of the student's educational record and include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) Results of health screening (vision and hearing screening are mandatory);
 - (b) The immunization record (CIS form - mandatory);
 - (c) The TB Clearance Certificate (mandatory when required by law according to the student's birth country);
 - (d) Medication administration record (if administered by school staff as per Board Policy 4.50.026-P, Administering Non-injectable Medicines to Students, and Administrative Directive 4.50.027-AD, Procedures for Administering Non-injectable Medicines to Students).

- (3) Other health information should be in a file kept and maintained by the school nurse or an individual designated by the district to maintain health information confidentially. This health information includes:
 - (a) Records of nursing medication administration;
 - (b) Records of nursing assessment and nursing care given in the school setting;
 - (c) Medical records from outside health care providers and health care agencies;
 - (d) Reports of psychological diagnostic testing.
- (4) Confidential health information may be shared with district personnel who have a legitimate educational interest, and may be released to other districts or agencies only with parental consent, consent of the student if he or she is over 18 years of age or legally emancipated, or by subpoena.

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