

## Immunization and School Sports Participation

### Immunization

Proof of immunization must be presented at the time of initial enrollment<sup>1</sup> in school or within 30 days of transfer to the district in accordance with Oregon law. Proof consists of a signed Certificate of Immunization Status form documenting either evidence of immunization, a religious, philosophical beliefs and/or medical exemption or immunity documentation.<sup>2</sup>

### School Sports Participation

A student participating in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 is required to submit to an appropriate School Sports Pre-Participation Examination<sup>3</sup> prior to their initial participation in a related district program. The form<sup>4</sup> is to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian giving permission for the student to participate and signed by a medical provider authorized by law<sup>5</sup> who has examined and evaluated the student. The completed form(s) must be returned to the school office. A student who is subsequently diagnosed with a significant illness or has had a major surgery is required to have a physical examination prior to further participation.

A student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion will not be allowed to participate in any athletic event or training on that day, unless an athletic trainer licensed by the Board of Athletic Trainers or a physician licensed pursuant to ORS 677.100 - 677.228 has determined the student has not suffered a concussion.<sup>6</sup> Except as allowed above, a student excluded for concussion reasons will not be allowed to return to participate in an athletic event or training until the following three conditions have been met:

1. It is not the same day as the student exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors, experienced a blow to the head or body, or was diagnosed with a concussion;
2. The student no longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and
3. The student has received a medical release form from a health care professional<sup>7</sup>.

A student who continues to participate in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 shall be required to complete a sports examination once every two years, thereafter.

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<sup>1</sup> The district shall immediately enroll a student experiencing houselessness in the school selected even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

<sup>2</sup> Documentation requirements for exemptions are outlined in ORS 433.267.

<sup>3</sup> The required form is available at <https://www.osaa.org/governance/forms>, a copy may be obtained from a school office, or a form generated by the medical provider may be used if it meets requirements of law in OAR 581-021-0041.

<sup>4</sup> The form may be used in either a hard copy or electronic format.

<sup>5</sup> This physical examination must be conducted by a physician possessing an unrestricted license to practice medicine, a licensed naturopathic physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse practitioner or a licensed chiropractic physician who has clinical training and experience in detecting cardiopulmonary diseases and defects.

<sup>6</sup> For more information regarding medical releases for students in grades 9-12, see OSAA rules.

<sup>7</sup> "Health care professional" includes a chiropractic physician, a naturopathic physician, a psychologist, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner who is licensed or registered under the laws of Oregon.

## END OF POLICY

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### **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 326.580](#)

[ORS 336.479](#)

[ORS 336.485 - 336.490](#)

[ORS 433.235 - 433.280](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 333-050-0010 - 333-050-0120](#)

[OAR 581-021-0041](#)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B, reauthorized by Title IX-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2018).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2024).

### **Cross Reference(s):**

JEC - Admissions