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## Immunization, ~~and~~ School Sports Participation, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries\*\*

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### Immunization

Proof of immunization must be presented at the time of 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, medical or nonmedical exemption, or immunity documentation.<sup>2</sup>

### School Sports Participation

A student participating in athletic programs 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 must be returned as directed. 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 continues to participate in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 shall be required to complete a sports examination once every two years, thereafter.

### Concussions and Other Brain Injuries

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

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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.

3. The student has received a medical release form from a health care professional<sup>7</sup>.

Upon receipt of written notification<sup>8</sup> from a parent or guardian that a student has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury by a health care professional and that accommodations are being requested, the district shall follow all procedures developed by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and implement an immediate and temporary accommodation plan.<sup>9</sup> Written notice is not required for the district to begin following concussion protocols.

Any accommodations will be communicated to the parent or guardian, to all teachers who provide instruction to the student and to other employees who have regular responsibilities for the student's supervision or health.<sup>10</sup>

Accommodations will be in effect no later than 10 school days after the written notification is received by the district and will be reviewed as needed, but no later than every two months.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 326.580](#)

[ORS 336.479](#)

ORS 336.485-ORS 336.490

[ORS 433.235 to -433.280](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

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

[OAR 581-021-0041](#)

[OAR 581-021-3007](#)

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).

[House Bill 3007 \(2025\)](#)

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<sup>7</sup> "Health care professional" includes a chiropractic physician, a naturopathic physician, a psychologist, a physical therapist

<sup>8</sup> "Written notification" means a written notice from a parent or guardian, supported by medical documentation from a health care professional, informing the district that they are requesting an accommodation for a student who has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury by a health care professional.

<sup>9</sup> The district must use the sample form developed by ODE or a district form that includes all required content.

<sup>10</sup> Including, but not limited to, school nurses, counselors, physical education teachers, coaches, athletic trainers and staff supervision recess or other physical activities.