

Summary

[House Bill 2281](#) (2023), effective January 1, 2024, requires a district school board to designate one or more civil rights coordinators for the district. According to HB 2281, the civil rights coordinator may be an employee of the district or the district may contract with an ESD for the services of a civil rights coordinator.

HB 2281, Section 1 (see page 2 of the bill specifically) outlines the minimum responsibilities of a civil rights coordinator. Of note is the requirement to comply with rules adopted by the State Board of Education so OSBA is watching for news about these rules. Additionally, the bill includes use of the term “discrimination” which is defined further by ORS 659.850 and is used in the new bill. The bill further outlines a requirement for the Department of Education to make training available annually for these coordinators.

Finally, ORS 659.855, which allows the Superintendent of Public Instruction to sanction a public elementary or secondary school program if found in noncompliance with ORS 659.850 and 659.852, has been updated to include noncompliance with ORS 332.505(2) – Civil Rights Coordinator.

North Santiam School District

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Nondiscrimination

The district prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual’s perceived or actual race¹, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans’ status, or because of the perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans’ status of any other persons with whom the individual associates.

The district prohibits discrimination and harassment in, but not limited to, employment, assignment and promotion of personnel; educational opportunities and services offered students; student assignment to schools and classes; student discipline; location and use of facilities; educational offerings and materials; and accommodating the public at public meetings.

The Board encourages staff to improve human relations within the schools, to respect all individuals and to establish channels through which patrons can communicate their concerns to the administration and the Board.

The Board directs the superintendent to designate the district’s civil rights coordinator and make contact information available to staff, students and parents.^{²}

The superintendent shall appoint individuals at the district to contact on issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act and Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADA), Section 504 of the

¹ Includes discriminatory use of a Native American mascot pursuant to OAR 581-021-0047. Race also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.001 (as amended by House Bill 2935 (2021)).

² {For additional information regarding civil rights coordinators and their responsibilities, see ORS 332.505(2).}

Rehabilitation Act, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, and other civil rights or discrimination issues, and notify students, parents, and staff with their names, office addresses, and phone numbers. The district will publish complaint procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints from students, employees and the public, and such procedures will be available at the district’s administrative office and available on the home page of the district’s website.

The district prohibits retaliation and discrimination against an individual who has opposed any discrimination act or practice; because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100	ORS 659A.003	ORS 659A.321
ORS 192.630	ORS 659A.006	ORS 659A.409
ORS 326.051(1)(e)	ORS 659A.009	OAR 581-002-0001 – 002-0005
ORS 332.505	ORS 659A.029	OAR 581-021-0045
ORS 408.230	ORS 659A.030	OAR 581-021-0046
ORS 659.805	ORS 659A.040	OAR 581-021-0047
ORS 659.815	ORS 659A.103 - 659A.145	OAR 581-022-2310
ORS 659.850 - 659.860	ORS 659A.230 - 659A.233	OAR 581-022-2370
ORS 659.865	ORS 659A.236	OAR 839-003
ORS 659A.001	ORS 659A.309	

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-633 (2018); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2019).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12112 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2018).

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2018); 29 C.F.R. § 1601 (2019).

Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

The Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2018).

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 (2019).

Cross Reference(s):

ACA - Americans with Disabilities Act

ACB - Every Student Belongs

GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity

GBEA - Workplace Harassment

JB - Equal Educational Opportunity

KL - Public Complaints