

Summary of Policy Changes

EFAA-AR Reimbursable School Meals and Milk Programs

ODE decided all civil rights complaints concerning the child nutrition program must be sent to the director of Child Nutrition Programs, not the Civil Rights coordinator.

GBM - Staff Complaints & GBMA - Whistleblower

The Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 4067 in 2016 effectively changing the Whistleblowing section in the Oregon Revised Statute and added new provisions for whistleblowers. Due to the new provisions for whistleblowers, OSBA created a new separate required sample policy, GBMA - Whistleblower, and revised the policy language in policy GBM - Staff Complaints.

GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting & GCDA/GDDA-AR - Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting

In sample policy GCDA/GDDA, Version 1, and the sample administrative regulation, the reference to the Employment Department has been updated to reflect the Oregon Department of Education, Child Care Division as the agency responsible for establishing rules for criminal record checks and fingerprinting, for all contractors and/or their employees providing service to the district.

Parkrose has selected version 2 GCDA/GDDA and will include the portion from version 1 that talks about the change above.

IGBBA - Identification - Talented and Gifted Students & IGBBA - AR - Appeal Procedure for TAG

A rule change for Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-1310 was adopted March, 2016 by the State Board of Education. The change affected the process for identifying talented and gifted (TAG) students, including in under-represented populations, with new testing requirements and best practices for identifying TAG students. OSBA is recommending a single policy that addresses the identification process for all talented and gifted students, and includes the language related to identification of students in the under-represented population. OSBA added appeal language (bracketed) to IGBBA, which identifies that the district may utilize Board policy KL - Public Complaints for the appeal procedure, or opt to have IGBBA-AR, which is an appeal process specific to TAG identification. There has been no significant change to IGBBA-AR; it is included herein for convenience and to indicate the administrative regulation has been reviewed by OSBA and a revision date affixed for consistency with the policy revisions.

IGDF - Student Fund-Raising Activities & IGDF-AR - Student Fund-Raising Activity Request and Verification

The revision to this policy is to include state and federal Smart Snack requirements in policy language as they apply to fund raising, through the sale of food and beverage items sold to students during the regular or extended school day.

IKF - Graduation Requirements

The State Board of Education changed the criteria for demonstrating proficiency in Essential Skills, in the student's language of origin, to allow students to demonstrate English language skills through the end of high school, rather than to the end of their 11th grade year.

It exempts a student seeking a diploma in the 2015-2016 school year.

These changes have been made in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-0617.

JED - Student Absences and Excuses, JFC - Student Conduct & JG - Student Discipline

The added bracketed language in sample policies JFC - Student Conduct and JG – Student Discipline was recommended by OSBA legal staff in response to legal cases and conversations at a recent School Law Conference. The bracketed language adds an option to apply student conduct expectations and rules on discipline to students while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school-sponsored events, while at other schools in the district and off campus, whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of rights of others.

Additional noted edits are made to remove a duplication of discipline policy language in two differently coded sample policies. The two versions of sample policy JFC are revised and now only relate to "student conduct," and any discipline related language previously found in Version 2 of sample policy JFC has been moved and is now included in sample policy JG -Student Discipline.

Sample policy JED - Student Absences and Excuses (Version 1 only) has been updated to reflect a previous policy change – to remove expulsion as a penalty for truancy.