

January 8, 2018

Medford School Board Directors and Community:

Each year, Oregon's school districts are required to review the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), located in Chapter 581, Division 22, related to Oregon's standards for public schools. Each district must assess whether the district is in compliance with those standards. The superintendent is required to report to the School Board and the community the district's status relative to those standards no later than January 15. The Chief Academic Officer must also complete an online form and submit it to the Oregon Department of Education in February.

OAR 581-022-0807 – Standardization

1. A school district, to be standard, must provide acceptable educational opportunities for all Oregon students who reside in the district regardless of where they live in the district.
2. Local school districts shall cooperate with procedures to verify compliance with state standards, to collect information about schools, to identify exemplary performance, and to promote school improvement.
3. Methods of verifying compliance and identifying practices or conditions needing improvement shall include:
 - a. Assurances of the district school board designated chief administrative officer;
 - b. Review of district materials through Department of Education desk audit;
 - c. On-site review of practices or conditions; and
 - d. Other methods selected by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. The Superintendent or a designee of the superintendent shall declare a school district as "Nonstandard" as defined in OAR 581-022-0102, after verification through the methods described in section (2) of this rule.

The Assurance Form is a review of the District's status of compliance with the OAR Chapter 581, Division 22 rules. Districts are required to upload the completed (and signed) 2017-2018 Assurances Form to the Oregon Department of Education by February 15, 2018. The 2017-18 Quick Reference Guide provides links to the specific Oregon Administrative rules and can be accessed from the ODE web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/Pages/default.aspx>.

I am pleased to report that the Medford School District 549C is in compliance with and implementing as required, all of the Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools as set out in OAR Chapter 581, Division 22.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent