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The following symbol is used on some policies:

** As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005(4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.
Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education**

Students have a right to attend school in an environment conducive to learning. The public charter school will not tolerate the possession, selling or use of unlawful and harmful drugs (illicit drugs, nontherapeutic uses of prescribed drugs, misuse of solvents and other dangerous substances) alcohol or tobacco in the schools, on public charter school grounds or during public charter school-sponsored activities including athletic events, dances, field trips, etc.

After consulting with staff, parents and students, through such groups as community agencies and representatives from drug, alcohol or health service agencies, the Board will adopt a written plan for a drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention program.

Drug Prevention Program

Each classroom K-12\(^1\) shall receive drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention instruction as part of the health education program.

\(^2\)A curriculum for students in grades 9-12 will be consistent with the State Board of Education adopted Health Education Academic Content Standards and will include age-appropriate instruction about drug and alcohol prevention. For students not enrolled in health education, the public charter school superintendent will ensure a program of activities which reflects current research and meets the requirements of the public charter school’s prevention and intervention program.

The public charter school is committed to an aggressive intervention and referral program to eliminate prohibited drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

The program shall include training for staff and a compilation of information on school and community resources and procedures for responding to drug-related medical emergencies.

Parents, students and staff shall annually receive information and detailed procedures regarding the public charter school’s intervention/referral program through the school’s parent/student handbook and the staff handbook published by the school.

Each year students and parents shall receive a code of conduct explaining expected behaviors and related consequences for violations of the code of conduct which may include discipline up to and including expulsion. Students violating the code of conduct prohibiting substance abuse, possessing, selling and/or using unlawful drugs or alcohol may be subject to an assessment and, if appropriate, referred to law enforcement officials. When considering disciplinary action for a child with disabilities, the public charter

\(^1\)If the public charter school offers instruction to grades K-8 only, it may say K-8. If the public charter school offers instruction to all grades, this must say K-12 per OAR 581-022-0413.

\(^2\)This language is required for public charter schools that offer instruction to grades 9-12.
school must follow the requirements of Board policy JGDA/JGEA – Discipline of Students with Disabilities including those involving functional behavioral assessment, change or placement, manifestation determination and an interim alternative educational setting.

Each year the public charter school will actively seek funds to support the activities identified in the public charter school’s drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention program.

The public charter school superintendent shall provide staff development activities for all employees addressing the public charter school’s drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention program or plan, the employee’s responsibilities within the program or plan and current drug, alcohol and tobacco information.

The public charter school will develop a public information plan for students, staff and parents.

The public charter school’s Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education plan, related policies, rules and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated, as needed.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 163.575   OAR 581-015-2060   OAR 581-015-2420
ORS 336.067   OAR 581-015-2070   OAR 581-015-2425
ORS 336.222   OAR 581-015-2075   OAR 581-015-2430
ORS 339.873   OAR 581-015-2205   OAR 581-015-2435
ORS Chapter 475  OAR 581-015-2220  OAR 581-015-2440
                            OAR 581-015-2225  OAR 581-015-2600
                            OAR 581-015-2230  OAR 581-015-2605
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                            OAR 581-015-2245  OAR 581-022-0413
                            OAR 581-015-2410  OAR 581-022-1210
                            OAR 581-015-2415


34 C.F.R. §§ 300.108.
Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education**

The public charter school shall provide an age appropriate, comprehensive plan of instruction focusing on human sexuality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and disease prevention in elementary and secondary schools as an integral part of health education and other subjects. Course material and instruction for all human sexuality education courses that discuss human sexuality shall enhance a student’s understanding of sexuality as a normal and healthy aspect of human development. A part of the comprehensive plan of instruction shall provide age-appropriate child sexual abuse prevention instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The public charter school must provide a minimum of four instructional sessions annually; one instructional session is equal to one standard class period. In addition, the HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and disease prevention education and the human sexuality education comprehensive plan shall provide adequate instruction at least annually, for all students in grades 6 through 8 and at least twice during grades 9 through 121.

Parents, teachers, school administrators, local health departments staff, other community representatives and persons from the medical community who are knowledgeable of the latest scientific information and effective education strategies shall develop the plan of instruction and align it with the Oregon Health Education Standards and Benchmarks.

The Board shall approve the plan of instruction and require that it be reviewed and updated biennially in accordance with new scientific information and effective educational strategies.

Parents of minor students shall be notified in advance of any human sexuality or AIDS/HIV instruction. Any parent may request that his/her child be excused from that portion of the instructional program under the procedures set forth in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.035(2).

The comprehensive plan of instruction shall include the following information that:

1. Promotes abstinence for school age youth and mutually monogamous relationships with an uninfected partner for adults;

2. Allays those fears concerning HIV that are scientifically groundless;

3. Is balanced and medically accurate;

4. Provides balanced, accurate information and skills-based instruction on risks and benefits of contraceptives, condoms and other disease reduction measures;

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1Include this bracketed language if the public charter school offers through grade 12.
5. Discusses responsible sexual behaviors and hygienic practices which may reduce or eliminate unintended pregnancy, exposure to HIV, hepatitis B/C and other sexually transmitted infections and diseases;

6. Stresses the risks of behaviors such as the sharing of needles or syringes for injecting illegal drugs and controlled substances;

7. Discusses the characteristics of the emotional, physical and psychological aspects of a healthy relationship;

8. Discusses the benefits of delaying pregnancy beyond the adolescent years as a means to better ensure a healthy future for parents and their children. The student shall be provided with statistics based on the latest medical information regarding both the health benefits and the possible side effects of all forms of contraceptives including the success and failure rates for prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and diseases;

9. Stresses that HIV/STDs and hepatitis B/C can be possible hazards of sexual contact;

10. Provides students with information about Oregon laws that address young people’s rights and responsibilities relating to childbearing and parenting;

11. Advises students of consequences of having sexual relations with persons younger than 18 years of age to whom they are not married;

12. Encourages family communication and involvement and helps students learn to make responsible, respectful and healthy decisions;

13. Teaches that no form of sexual expression or behavior is acceptable when it physically or emotionally harms oneself or others and that it is wrong to take advantage of or exploit another person;

14. Teaches that consent is an essential component of healthy sexual behavior. Course material shall promote positive attitudes and behaviors related to healthy relationships and sexuality, and encourage active student bystander behavior;

15. Teaches students how to identify and respond to attitudes and behaviors which contribute to sexual violence;

16. Validates the importance of one’s honesty, respect for each person’s dignity and well-being, and responsibility for one’s actions;

17. Uses inclusive materials and strategies that recognizes different sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expression;

18. Includes information about relevant community resources, how to access these resources, and the laws that protect the rights of minors to anonymously access these resources.
The comprehensive plan of instruction shall emphasize skills-based instruction that:

1. Assists students to develop and practice effective communication skills, development of self esteem and ability to resist peer pressure;

2. Provides students with the opportunity to learn about and personalize peer, media, technology and community influences that both positively and negatively impact their attitudes and decisions related to healthy sexuality, relationships and sexual behaviors, including decisions to abstain from sexual intercourse;

3. Enhances students’ ability to access valid health information and resources related to their sexual health;

4. Teaches how to develop and communicate sexual and reproductive boundaries;

5. Is research based, evidence based or best practice; and

6. Aligns with the Oregon Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks.

All sexuality education programs emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse, when practiced consistently and correctly, is the only 100 percent effective method against unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted HIV and hepatitis B/C infection and other sexually transmitted infections and diseases.

Abstinence is to be stressed, but not to the exclusion of contraceptives and condoms for preventing unintended pregnancy, HIV infection, hepatitis B/C infection and other sexually transmitted infections and diseases. Such courses are to acknowledge the value of abstinence while not devaluing or ignoring those students who have had or are having sexual relationships. Further, sexuality education materials, including instructional strategies, and activities must not, in any way use shame or fear-based tactics.

Materials and information shall be presented in a manner sensitive to the fact that there are students who have experienced, perpetrated or witnessed sexual abuse and relationship violence.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.035 ORS 339.370 to -339.400 OAR 581-022-1440
ORS 336.107 OAR 581-022-1910
ORS 336.455 to -336.475 OAR 581-022-0705

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Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities**

Education records are those records maintained by the public charter school that are directly related to a student.

The primary reason for the keeping and maintaining of education records for students is to help the individual student in his/her educational development by providing pertinent information for the student, his/her teachers and his/her parents. These records also serve as an important source of information to assist students in seeking productive employment and/or post-high school education.

The public charter school shall maintain confidential education records of students in a manner that conforms with state and federal laws and regulations.

Information recorded on official education records should be carefully selected, accurate, verifiable and should have a direct and significant bearing upon the student’s educational development.

The public charter school annually notifies parents or adult students that it forwards educational records requested by an educational agency or institution in which the student seeks to enroll or receive services, including special education evaluation services.

The public charter school may impose certain restrictions and/or penalties until fees, fines or damages are paid. Records requested by another district or public charter school to determine a student’s appropriate placement may not be withheld. Students or parents will receive written notice at least 10 days in advance stating the public charter school’s intent to impose restrictions and/or penalties until the debt is paid. The notice will include the reason the student owes money to the public charter school, an itemization of the fees, fines or damages owed and the right of parents to request a hearing. The public charter school may pursue fees, fines or damages through a private collection agency or other method available to the public charter school. The public charter school may waive fees, fines and charges if the student or parents cannot pay, the payment of the debt could impact the health and safety of the student or if the cost of collection would be more than the total collected or there are mitigating circumstances, as determined by the public charter school superintendent.

The public charter school shall comply with a request from parents or an adult student to inspect and review records without unnecessary delay. The public charter school provides to parents of a student with a disability or to an adult student with a disability the opportunity at any reasonable time to examine all of the records of the public charter school pertaining to the student’s identification, evaluation, educational placement and free appropriate public education. The public charter school provides parents or an adult student, on request, a list of the types and locations of education records collected, maintained and used by the public charter school.
The public charter school annually notifies parents of all students, including adult students, currently in attendance that they have to right to:

1. Inspect and review the student’s records;

2. Request the amendment of the student’s educational records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights;

3. Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that the student educational record rules authorize disclosure without consent. (See Board policy JOB – Personally Identifiable Information);

4. File with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by the public charter school to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and

5. Obtain a copy of the public charter school’s education records policy.

Regarding records to be released to public charter school officials within the agency, the public charter school’s notice includes criteria for determining legitimate educational interest and the criteria for determining which school officials have legitimate educational interests. School officials may also include a volunteer or contractor who performs an institutional service on behalf of the public charter school.

The public charter school annually notifies parents and adult students of what it considers to be directory information and the disclosure of such. (See Board policy JOA – Directory Information).

The public charter school shall give full rights to education records to either parent, unless the public charter school has been provided legal evidence that specifically revokes these rights. Once the student reaches age 18 those rights transfer to the student.

A copy of this policy and administrative regulation shall be made available upon request to parents and students 18 years of age or older or emancipated and the general public.

END OF POLICY
Legal Reference(s):

ORS 30.864  ORS 338.115(a)  OAR 166-405-0010 to 166-415-0010
ORS 107.154  ORS 339-270  OAR 581-021-0220 to -0430
ORS 326.565  ORS 343.177(3)  OAR 581-022-1660
ORS 326.575  
OAR 581-022-1670


Cross Reference(s):

JO/IGBAB - Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities
JOA - Directory Information
JOB - Personally Identifiable Information
JN - Student Fees, Fines and Charges

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Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management

1. Student Education Record

Student education records are those records that are directly related to a student and maintained by the public charter school, or by a party acting for the public charter school; however, this does not include the following:

a. Records of instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary to those persons that are kept in the sole possession of the maker of the record, used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a temporary substitute for the maker of the record;

b. Records of the law enforcement unit of the public charter school subject to the provisions of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-021-0225;

c. Records relating to an individual who is employed by the public charter school that are made and maintained in the normal course of business, that relate exclusively to the individual in that individual’s capacity as an employee and that are not available for use for any other purpose. Records relating to an individual in attendance at the public charter school who is employed as a result of his/her status as a student are education records and are not accepted under this section;

d. Records on a student who is 18 years of age or older, or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, that are:

   (1) Made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in his/her professional capacity or assisting in a paraprofessional capacity;
   (2) Made, maintained or used only in connection with treatment of the student; and
   (3) Disclosed only to individuals providing the treatment. For purposes of this definition, “treatment” does not include remedial educational activities or activities that are part of the program of instruction at the public charter school.

e. Records that only contain information relating to activities in which an individual engaged after he/she is no longer a student at the public charter school;

f. Medical or nursing records which are made or maintained separately and solely by a licensed health-care professional who is not employed by the public charter school, and which are not used for education purposes or planning.

The public charter school shall keep and maintain a permanent record on each student which includes the:

a. Name and address of educational agency or institution;

b. Full legal name of the student;
c. Student birth date and place of birth;
d. Name of parents;
e. Date of entry in school;
f. Name of school previously attended;
g. Courses of study and marks received;
h. Data documenting a student’s progress toward achievement of state standards and must include a student’s Oregon State Assessment results;
i. Credits earned;
j. Attendance;
k. Date of withdrawal from school; and
l. Such additional information as the public charter school may prescribe.

The public charter school may also request the social security number of the student and will include the social security number on the permanent record only if the eligible student or parent complies with the request. The request shall include notification to the eligible student or the student’s parent(s) that the provision of the social security number is voluntary and notification of the purpose for which the social security number will be used.

The public charter school shall retain permanent records in a minimum one-hour fire-safe place in the public charter school, or keep a duplicate copy of the permanent records in a safe depository in another public charter school location.

2. Confidentiality of Student Records

a. The public charter school shall keep confidential any record maintained on a student in accordance with OAR 581-021-0220 through 581-021-0430.
b. The public charter school shall protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure and destruction stages.
c. The public charter school shall identify one official to assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information.
d. All persons collecting or using personally identifiable information shall receive training or instruction on state policies and procedures.

3. Rights of Parents and Eligible Students

The public charter school shall annually notify parents and eligible students through the public charter school student/parent handbook or any other means that are reasonably likely to inform the parents or eligible students of their rights. This notification shall state that the parent(s) or eligible student has a right to:

a. Inspect and review the student’s education records;
b. Request the amendment of the student’s education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights;
c. Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that the applicable state or federal law authorizes disclosure without consent;
d. Pursuant to OAR 581-021-0410, file with the Family Policy Compliance Office, United States Department of Education a complaint under 34 C.F.R. § 99.64 concerning alleged failures by the public charter school to comply with the requirements of federal law; and

e. Obtain a copy of the public charter school policy with regard to student education records.

The notification shall also inform parents or eligible students that the public charter school forwards education records requested under OAR 581-021-0255. The notification shall also indicate where copies of the public charter school policy are located and how copies may be obtained.

If the eligible student or the student’s parent(s) has a primary or home language other than English, or has a disability, the public charter school shall provide effective notice.

These rights shall be given to either parent unless the public charter school has been provided with specific written evidence that there is a court order, state statute or legally binding document relating to such matters as divorce, separation or custody that specifically revokes these rights.

When a student becomes an eligible student, which is defined as a student who has reached 18 years of age or is attending only an institution of postsecondary education and is not enrolled in a secondary school, the rights accorded to, and the consent required of, the parents transfer from the parents to the student. Nothing prevents the public charter school from giving students rights in addition to those given to parents.

4. Parent’s or Eligible Student’s Right to Inspect and Review

The public charter school shall permit an eligible student or student’s parent(s) or a representative of a parent or eligible student, if authorized in writing by the eligible student or student’s parent(s), to inspect and review the education records of the student, unless the education records of a student contain information on more than one student. In that case the eligible student or student’s parent(s) may inspect, review or be informed of only the specific information about the student.

The public charter school shall comply with a request for access to records:

a. Within a reasonable period of time and without unnecessary delay;

b. For children with disabilities before any meeting regarding an individualized education program (IEP), or any due process hearing, or any resolution session related to a due process hearing;

c. In no case more than 45 days after it has received the request.

The public charter school shall respond to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the student’s education record.

The parent(s) or eligible student shall comply with the following procedure to inspect and review a student’s education record:

a. Provide a written, dated request to inspect a student’s education record; and

b. State the specific reason for requesting the inspection.

The written request will be permanently added to the student’s education record.
The public charter school shall not destroy any education record if there is an outstanding request to inspect and review the education record.

While the public charter school is not required to give an eligible student or student’s parent(s) access to treatment records under the definition of “education records” in OAR 581-021-0220(6)(b)(D), the eligible student or student’s parent(s) may, at his/her expense, have those records reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional of his/her choice.

If an eligible student or student’s parent(s) so requests, the public charter school shall give the eligible student or student’s parent(s) a copy of the student’s education record. The public charter school may recover a fee for providing a copy of the record, but only for the actual costs of reproducing the record unless the imposition of a fee effectively prevents a parent or eligible student from exercising the right to inspect and review the students educational records. The public charter school may not charge a fee to search for or to retrieve the education records of a student.

The public charter school shall not provide the eligible student or student’s parent(s) with a copy of test protocols, test questions and answers and other documents described in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 192.501(4) unless authorized by federal law.

The public charter school will maintain a list of the types and locations of education records maintained by the public charter school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.

Students’ education records will be maintained at the public charter school building at which the student is in attendance except for special education records which may be located at another designated location within the public charter school or the district. The superintendent or designee shall be the person responsible for maintaining and releasing the education records.

5. Release of Personally Identifiable Information

Personally identifiable information shall not be released without prior written consent of the eligible student or student’s parent(s) except in the following cases:

a. The disclosure is to other school officials, including teachers, within the public charter school or district who have a legitimate educational interest.

As used in this section, “legitimate educational interest” means a public charter school or district official employed by the public charter school or district as an superintendent, supervisor, instructor or staff support member; a person serving on a public charter school or district board; a person or company with whom the public charter school or district has contracted to perform a special task; or a parent or student serving on a special committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another public charter school or district official in performing his or her tasks needed to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility (definition from FERPA).

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1“District,” for the purpose of this policy, means the district in which the public charter school is located.

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The public charter school shall maintain, for public inspection, a listing of the names and positions of individuals within the public charter school or district who have access to personally identifiable information with respect to students with disabilities.

b. The disclosure is to officials of another school within the district;

c. The disclosure is to authorized representatives of:

The U.S. Comptroller General, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Secretary of Education or state and local education authorities or the Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division in connection with an audit or evaluation of federal or state-supported education programs or the enforcement of or compliance with federal or state-supported education programs or the enforcement of or compliance with federal or state regulations.

d. The disclosure is in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary for such purposes as to:

(1) Determine eligibility for the aid;
(2) Determine the amount of the aid;
(3) Determine the conditions for the aid; or
(4) Enforce the terms and condition of the aid.

As used in this section “financial aid” means any payment of funds provided to an individual that is conditioned on the individual’s attendance at an educational agency or institution.

e. The disclosure is to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the district to:

(1) Develop, validate or administer predictive tests;
(2) Administer student aid programs; or
(3) Improve instruction.

f. The public charter school may disclose information under this section only if disclosure is to an official listed in paragraph (c) above and who enters into a written agreement with the district that:

(1) Specifies the purpose, scope and duration of the study and the information to be disclosed;
(2) Limits the organization to using the personally identifiable information only for the purpose of the study;
(3) The study is conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of parents or students by individuals other than representatives of the organization; and
(4) The information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted.

For purposes of this section, the term “organization” includes, but is not limited to, federal, state and local agencies and independent organizations.

The district may disclose information under this section only if the disclosure is to an official listed in paragraph (c) above who is conducting an audit related to the enforcement of or
compliance with federal or state legal requirements and who enters into a written agreement with the district that:

(1) Designates the individual or entity as an authorized representative;
(2) Specifies the personally identifiable information being disclosed;
(3) Specifies the personally identifiable information being disclosed in the furtherance of an audit, evaluation or enforcement or compliance activity of the federal or state supported education programs;
(4) Describes the activity with sufficient specificity to make clear it falls within the audit or evaluation exception, this must include a description of how the personally identifiable information will be used;
(5) Requires information to be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which the study was conducted;
(6) Identifies the time period in which the personally identifiable information must be destroyed; and
(7) Establishes policies and procedures which are consistent with Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other federal and state confidentiality and privacy provisions to insure the protection of the personally identifiable information from further disclosure and unauthorized use.

g. The disclosure is to accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions;

h. The disclosure is to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. The public charter school may disclose information under this section only if the public charter school makes a reasonable effort to notify the eligible student or student’s parent(s) of the order or subpoena in advance of compliance, unless an order or subpoena of a federal court or agency prohibits notification to the parent(s) or student;

i. The disclosure is to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena when the parent is a party to a court proceeding involving child abuse and neglect or dependency matters;

j. The disclosure is to the parent(s) of a dependent student, as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

k. The disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency. The public charter school shall disclose personally identifiable information from an education record to law enforcement, child protective services and health-care professionals, and other appropriate parties in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

As used in this section a “health or safety emergency” includes, but is not limited to, law enforcement efforts to locate a child who may be a victim of kidnap, abduction or custodial interference and law enforcement or child protective services efforts to respond to a report of abuse of a child or neglect pursuant to applicable state law.

l. The disclosure is information the district has designated as “directory information” (See Board policy JOA – Directory Information);

m. The disclosure is to the parent(s) of a student who is not an eligible student or to an eligible student;

n. The disclosure is to officials of another school, school system, institution of postsecondary education, an education service district (ESD), state regional program or other educational agency that has requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is enrolled or in which the student receives services. The term “receives services” includes, but...
is not limited to, an evaluation or reevaluation for purposes of determining whether a student has a disability;

o. The disclosure is to the Board during an executive session pursuant to ORS 332.061.

The public charter school will use reasonable methods to identify and authenticate the identity of the parents, students, school officials and any other parties to whom the public charter school discloses personally identifiable information from educational records;

p. The disclosure is to a caseworker or other representative, who has the right to access the student’s case plan, of a state or local child welfare agency or tribal organization that are legally responsible for the care and protection of the student, provided the personally identifiable information will not be disclosed unless allowed by law.

6. Record-Keeping Requirements

The public charter school shall maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records of each student. Exceptions to the record keeping requirements shall include the parent, eligible student, school official or his/her designee responsible for custody of the records and parties authorized by state and federal law for auditing purposes. The public charter school shall maintain the record with the education records of the student as long as the records are maintained. For each request or disclosure the record must include:

a. The party or parties who have requested or received personally identifiable information from the education records; and

b. The legitimate interests the parties had in requesting or obtaining the information.

The following parties may inspect the record of request for access and disclosure to a student’s personally identifiable information:

a. The parent(s) or eligible student;

b. The school official or his/her designee who are responsible for the custody of the records;

c. Those parties authorized by state or federal law for purposes of auditing the record keeping procedures of the public charter school.

7. Request for Amendment of Student’s Education Record

If an eligible student or student’s parent(s) believes the education records relating to the student contain information that is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student’s rights of privacy or other rights, he/she may ask the superintendent where the record is maintained to amend the record.

The superintendent shall decide, after consulting with the necessary staff, whether to amend the record as requested within a reasonable time after the request to amend has been made.

The request to amend the student’s education record shall become a permanent part of the student’s education record.
If the superintendent decides not to amend the record as requested, the eligible student or the student’s parent(s) shall be informed of the decision and of his/her right to appeal the decision by requesting a hearing.

8. Hearing Rights of Parents or Eligible Students

If the superintendent decides not to amend the education record of a student as requested by the eligible student or the student’s parent(s), the eligible student or student’s parent(s) may request a formal hearing for the purpose of challenging information in the education record as inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student. The public charter school shall appoint a hearings officer to conduct the formal hearing requested by the eligible student or student’s parent. The hearing may be conducted by any individual, including an official of the public charter school, who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing. The hearings officer will establish a date, time and location for the hearing, and give the student’s parent or eligible student notice of date, time and location reasonably in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be held within 10 working days of receiving the written or verbal request for the hearing.

The hearings officer will convene and preside over a hearing panel consisting of:

a. The superintendent or his/her designee;
b. A member chosen by the eligible student or student’s parent(s); and
c. A disinterested, qualified third party appointed by the superintendent.

The parent or eligible student may, at his/her own expense, be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of his/her own choice, including an attorney. The hearing shall be private. Persons other than the student, parent, witnesses and counsel shall not be admitted. The hearings officer shall preside over the panel. The panel will hear evidence from the public charter school staff and the eligible student or student’s parent(s) to determine the point(s) of disagreement concerning the records. Confidential conversations between a licensed employee or public charter school or district counselor and a student shall not be part of the records hearing procedure. The eligible student or student’s parent(s) has the right to insert written comments or explanations into the record regarding the disputed material. Such inserts shall remain in the education record as long as the education record or contested portion is maintained and exists. The panel shall make a determination after hearing the evidence and make its recommendation in writing within 10 working days following the close of the hearing. The panel will make a determination based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and will include a summary of the evidence and the reason for the decision. The findings of the panel shall be rendered in writing not more than 10 working days following the close of the hearing and submitted to all parties.

If, as a result of the hearing, the panel decides that the information in the education record is not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, it shall inform the eligible student or the student’s parent(s) of the right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information in the record or stating why he/she disagrees with the decision of the panel. If a statement is placed in an education record, the public charter school will ensure that the statement:

a. Is maintained as part of the student’s records as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the public charter school or the district; and
b. Is disclosed by the public charter school to any party to whom the student’s records or the contested portion are disclosed.

If, as a result of the hearing, the panel decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, it shall:

a. Amend the record accordingly; and
b. Inform the eligible student or the student’s parent(s) of the amendment in writing.

9. Duties and Responsibilities When Requesting Education Records

The public charter school shall, within 10 days of a student seeking initial enrollment in or services from the public charter school, notify the public or private school, ESD, institution, agency or detention facility or youth care center in which the student was formerly enrolled and shall request the student’s education records.

10. Duties and Responsibilities When Transferring Education Records

The public charter school shall transfer originals of all requested student education records, including any ESD records, relating to the particular student to the new educational agency when a request to transfer the education records is made to the public charter school. The transfer shall be made no later than 10 days after receipt of the request. For students in substitute care programs, the transfer must take place within five days of a request. Readable copies of the following documents shall be retained:

a. The student’s permanent records, for one year;
b. Such special education records as are necessary to document compliance with state and federal audits, for five years after the end of the school year in which the original was created. In the case of records documenting speech pathology and physical therapy services, until the student reaches age 21 or 5 years after last seen, whichever is longer.

Note: Education records shall not be withheld for student fees, fines and charges if requested in circumstances described in ORS 326.575 and applicable rules of the State Board of Education or such records are requested for use in the appropriate placement of a student.
Disclosure Statement
Required for use in collecting personally identifiable information
related to social security numbers.

On any form that requests the social security number (SSN), the following statement shall appear just
above the space for the SSN:

“Providing your social security number (SSN) is voluntary. If you provide it, the public charter
school will use your SSN for record keeping, research, and reporting purposes only. The public
charter school will not use your SSN to make any decision directly affecting you or any other person.
Your SSN will not be given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your SSN, you will
not be denied any rights as a student. Please read the statement on the back of this form that
describes how your SSN will be used. Providing your SSN means that you consent to the use of
your SSN in the manner described.”

The public charter school, sponsoring district and Oregon Department of Education may also match your
SSN with records from other agencies as follows:

The Oregon Department of Education uses information gathered from the Oregon Employment
Division to learn about education, training and job market trends. The information is also used for
planning, research and program improvement.

State and private universities, colleges, community colleges and vocational schools use the
information to find out how many students go on with their education and their level of success.

Other state agencies use the information to help state and local agencies plan educational and
training services to help Oregon citizens get the best jobs available.

Your SSN will be used only for statistical purposes as listed above. State and federal law protects the
privacy of your records.
Talented and Gifted Program

The public charter school is committed to an educational program that recognizes, identifies and serves the unique needs of talented and gifted students. Talented and gifted students are those who have been identified as academically talented and/or intellectually gifted.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop a written identification process for identifying academically talented and intellectually gifted students K-12.

A written plan that identifies programs or services needed to address the assessed levels of learning and accelerated rates of learning of identified students shall be similarly developed.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 343.391
ORS 343.395
ORS 343.396
ORS 343.397
ORS 343.401
ORS 343.407
ORS 343.409
ORS 343.413
ORS 581-022-1310 to -1330
Identification - Talented and Gifted Students**

In order to serve academically talented and intellectually gifted students in grades K-12, the public charter school directs the administrator to establish a written identification process.

This process of identification shall include as a minimum:

1. Use of research based best practices to identify talented and gifted students from under-represented populations such as ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, students who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse or economically disadvantaged.

2. Behavioral, learning and/or performance information.

3. A nationally standardized mental ability test for assistance in the identification of intellectually gifted students.

4. A nationally standardized academic achievement test of reading or mathematics the Smarter Balanced Assessment for assistance in identifying academically talented students.

Identified students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on one of these tests. Other students who demonstrate the potential to perform at the eligibility criteria, as well as additional students who are talented and gifted may be identified.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the identification process or placement of their student, they may appeal the decision through Board policy KL - Public Complaints. After exhausting the school’s appeal procedure and receiving a final decision, a parent may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):
ORS 343.395                   OAR 581-021-0030                   OAR 581-022-1941
ORS 343.407                   OAR 581-022-1310 to -1330
ORS 343.411                   OAR 581-022-1940

Cross Reference(s):
IGBBC - Programs and Services - Talented and Gifted
Programs and Services - Talented and Gifted**

A public charter school written plan will be developed for programs and services beyond those normally offered by the regular school program. All required written course statements shall identify the academic instructional programs and services to be provided which accommodate the assessed levels and accelerated rates of learning in identified talented and gifted students. The superintendent will remove any administrative barriers that may exist which restrict students’ access to appropriate services and will develop program and service options.

The Board has established an appeals process for parents to utilize if they are dissatisfied with the programs and services recommended for their identified talented and gifted student and wish to request reconsideration.

The Board has established a complaint procedure to utilize if an individual has a complaint regarding the appropriateness of programs and services provided for identified talented and gifted students.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

OAR 581-022-0040
OAR 581-022-2325
OAR 581-022-2330
OAR 581-022-2370
OAR 581-022-2500

Cross Reference(s):

IGBBA - Identification - Talented and Gifted Students
Student Fund-Raising Activities

All fund raising must be approved by the superintendent and supervised by the appropriate staff advisor.

Fund-raising projects involving the sale of products must be approved by the staff advisor and by the superintendent before the activity is initiated. Solicitation of funds is expressly prohibited without the superintendent’s consent.

If fund raising consists of selling food and beverage items to students during the regular or extended school day, the food and beverage items must comply with state and federal nutrition standards, rules and laws. This does not apply to food and beverage items sold at school-related or nonschool-related events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of the audience.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.423
ORS 339.880

OAR 137-025-0020 to -0530
OAR 581-022-1660(2)

Electronic Communications System

The public charter school board is committed to the development and establishment of a quality, equitable and cost-effective electronic communications system. The system’s sole purpose shall be for the advancement and promotion of learning and teaching.

The public charter school system will be used to provide statewide, national and global communications opportunities for staff and students.

The public charter school administrator will establish administrative regulations for the use of the public charter school’s system including compliance with the following provisions of the Children’s Internet Protection Act:

1. Technology protection measures, installed and in continuous operation, that protect against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or, with respect to the use of the computers by minors, harmful to minors;

2. Educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including cyberbullying awareness and response, and how to interact with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms;

3. Monitoring the online activities of minors;

4. Denying access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;

5. Ensuring the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications;

6. Prohibiting unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking” and other unlawful activities by minors online;

7. Prohibiting unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors;

8. Installing measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to minors.

The administrator will establish administrative regulations for use of the public charter school’s system by staff using their own personal electronic devices to download and store public charter school proprietary information including personally recognizable information about the public charter school students or staff. Regulations shall insure compliance with privacy rights under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).
The administrative regulations will be consistent with sound guidelines as may be provided by the education service district, the Oregon Department of Education and/or the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and will include a complaint procedure for reporting violations.

The public charter school administrator will also establish administrative regulations for use of the public charter school’s electronic communications system to comply with copyright law.

Failure to abide by public charter school policy and administrative regulations governing use of the public charter school’s system may result in the suspension and/or revocation of system access. Additionally, student violations will result in discipline up to and including expulsion. Staff violations will also result in discipline up to and including dismissal. Violations of law will be reported to law enforcement officials and may result in criminal or civil sanctions. Fees, fines or other charges may also be imposed.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 30.765  ORS 167.080  ORS 339.250
ORS 133.739  ORS 167.087  ORS 339.270
ORS 163.435  ORS 167.090  OAR 581-021-0050
ORS 164.345  ORS 167.095  OAR 581-021-0055
ORS 164.365  ORS Chapter 192  OAR 584-020-0040
ORS 167.060  ORS 336.222  OAR 584-020-0041
ORS 167.065  ORS 338.115(a)  
ORS 167.070

Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. Sections 254 (h) and (l) (2008); 47 CFR Section 54.520 (2001).
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title II, Section 2441.
Graduation Requirements

The public charter school board will establish graduation requirements for the awarding of a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma and an alternative certificate which meet or exceed state requirements. A student may satisfy graduation requirements in less than four years. The public charter school will award a diploma to a student fulfilling graduation requirements in less than four years if consent is given by the student’s parent or guardian or by the student if he/she is 18 years of age or older or emancipated.

The public charter school will ensure that students have onsite access to the appropriate resources to achieve a diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate at each high school. The public charter school will provide age appropriate and developmentally appropriate literacy instruction to all students until graduation.

Essential Skills

The public charter school will allow English Language Learner (ELL) students to demonstrate proficiency in Essential Skills of Apply Mathematics, in a variety of settings, in the student’s language of origin for those ELL students who by the end of high school:

1. Are on track to meet all other graduation requirements; and

2. Are unable to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in English.

The public charter school will allow ELL students to demonstrate proficiency in Essential Skills other than Apply Mathematics, in a variety of settings, in the student’s language of origin for those ELL students who by the end of high school:

1. Are on track to meet all other graduation requirements;

2. Are unable to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in English;

3. Have been enrolled in a U.S. school for five years or less; and

4. Have demonstrated sufficient English language skills using the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21)\(^1\).

The public charter school will develop procedures to provide assessment options as described in the Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual, in the ELL student’s language of origin for those ELL students who meet the criteria above, and will develop procedures to ensure that locally scored assessment options administered in an ELL student’s language of origin are scored by a qualified rater.

\(^1\)For student seeking a diploma in 2015-2016, this criteria does not apply.
The public charter school may not deny a student, who has the documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers, or of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievements, the opportunity to pursue a diploma with more stringent requirements than a modified diploma or an extended diploma for the sole reason the student has the documented history.

The public charter school may award a modified diploma or an extended diploma to a student only upon the written consent of the student’s parent or guardian. The public charter school shall receive the written consent during the school year in which the modified diploma or the extended diploma is awarded. A student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18 at the time the modified diploma or the extended diploma is awarded may sign the consent.

A student shall have the opportunity to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate in either four years after starting the ninth grade, or until the student reaches the age of 21, if the student is entitled to a public education until the age of 21 under state or federal law.

A student may satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate in less than four years but not less than three years. In order to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate in less than four years, the student’s parent or guardian or a student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18 must provide written consent which clearly states the parent, guardian or student is waiving the fourth year and/or years until the student reaches the age of 21. A copy of the consent will be forwarded to the district’s superintendent in which the public charter school is located, who will annually report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the number of such consents.

Beginning in grade five or after a documented history to qualify for an extended diploma has been established, the public charter school will annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about the availability of a modified diploma, an extended diploma and an alternative certificate.

A student who receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate will have the option of participating in a high school graduation ceremony with the student’s class.

A student who receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate shall have access to individually designed instructional hours, hours of transition services and hours of other services that equals at least the total number of instructional hours that is required to be provided to students who are attending a public charter high school, unless reduced by the individualized education program (IEP) team.

The public charter school will award to students with disabilities a document certifying successful completion of program requirements. No document issued to students with disabilities educated in full or in part in a special education program shall indicate that the document is issued by such a program. When a student who has an IEP completes high school, the public charter school will give the student an individualized summary of performance.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until the age of 21, even if they have earned a modified diploma, an extended diploma, an alternate certificate or completion of a General Education Development document. The continuance of services for students with
disabilities for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate is contingent on the IEP team determining the student’s continued eligibility and special education services are needed.

Students and their parents will be notified of graduation and diploma requirements.

The public charter school may not deny a diploma to a student who has opted out of the Smarter Balanced or alternate Oregon Extended Assessment if the student is able to satisfy all other requirements for the diploma. Students who opt-out will need to meet the Essential Skills graduation requirements using another approved assessment option.

The public charter school will issue a high school diploma, upon request, to a person who served in the Armed Forces\(^2\), as specified in Oregon law, if the person was discharged or released under honorable conditions and has received either a General Educational Development, a post-secondary degree or has received a minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

The public charter school shall establish conduct and discipline consequences for student-initiated test impropriety. “Student-initiated test impropriety” means student conduct that is inconsistent with the Test Administration Manual or accompanying guidance; or results in a score that is invalid.

END OF POLICY

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\(^2\)The policy applies to any person who:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. at any time during:
   a. World War I;
   b. World War II;
   c. The Korean Conflict; or
   d. The Vietnam War;
2. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. and was physically present in:
   a. Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada);
   b. Operation Just Cause (Panama);
   c. Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Persian Gulf War);
   d. Operation Restore Hope (Somalia);
   e. Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); or
   f. Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq);
3. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the U.S.
Graduation Requirements

Diploma

A high school diploma will be awarded to students in grades 9 through 12 who complete a minimum of 25 credits according to the following table:

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>4 (shall include the equivalent of one unit in written composition)</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
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<td><strong>Total credits required to graduate:</strong></td>
<td><strong>25</strong></td>
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**Essential Skills required:**
Read and comprehend a variety of text, write clearly and accurately, apply math, any additional Essential Skills adopted by the State Board of Education.

**Other graduation requirements:**
Develop an education plan and build an education profile.
Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence.
Participate in career-related learning experiences.

The public charter school shall offer students credit options provided the method for obtaining such credit is described in the student’s personal education plan and the credit is earned by meeting requirements described in OAR 581-022-1131.

**Essential Skills Appeal**

The public charter school will follow Board policy KL - Public Complaints in the event of an appeal for the denial of a diploma based on the Essential Skills graduation requirement. The public charter school will retain student work samples and student performance data to ensure that sufficient evidence is available in the event of an appeal.
Modified Diploma

A modified diploma will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic standards for a high school diploma even with reasonable modifications and accommodations. A modified diploma may only be awarded to a student who meets the eligibility criteria listed below:

1. Has a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or

2. Has a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement.

Having met the above eligibility criteria, a modified diploma will be awarded to students who, while in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 24 credits which shall include:

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<td><strong>Total credits required for modified diploma:</strong></td>
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<td>Read and comprehend a variety of text, write clearly and accurately, apply math, any additional Essential Skills adopted by the State Board of Education.</td>
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<td>Develop an education plan and build an education profile. Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence.</td>
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Public charter schools may make modifications to the assessment for students who seek a modified diploma when the following conditions are met:

1. For a student on IEP’s, any modifications to work samples must be consistent with the requirements established in the IEP. Modifications are changes to the achievement level, construct, or measured outcome of an assessment. This means that IEP or school teams responsible for approving modifications for a student’s assessment may adjust the administration of the assessment and/or the assessment’s achievement standard;

2. For a student not on IEP’s, any modifications to work samples must have been provided to the student during his/her instruction in the content area to be assessed, and in the year in which the student is being assessed and modifications must be approved by the school team that is responsible for monitoring the student’s progress toward the modified diploma.

Students not on an IEP or a 504 Plan may not receive a modified Smarter Balanced assessment.
A student’s school team shall decide that a student should work toward a modified diploma no earlier than the end of grade six and no later than two years before the student’s anticipated exit from high school. A student’s school team may decide to revise a modified diploma decision.

A student’s school team may decide that a student who was not previously working toward a modified diploma should work toward one when the student is less than two years from anticipated exit from high school if the documented history has changed.

**Extended Diploma**

An extended diploma will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic content standards for a diploma while receiving modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for an extended diploma, a student must:

1. While in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 12 credits, which may not include more than six credits in a self-contained special education classroom and will include:
   
a. Two credits of mathematics;
b. Two credits of English;
c. Two credits of science;
d. Three credits of history, geography, economics or civics;
e. One credit of health;
f. One credit of physical education;
g. One credit of the arts or a world language.

2. Have a documented history of:
   
a. An inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers;
b. A medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement; or
c. A change in the student’s ability to participate in grade level activities as a result of a serious illness or injury that occurred after grade eight.

**Alternative Certificates**

Alternative certificates will be awarded to students who do not satisfy the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma or an extended diploma if the students meet minimum credit requirements established by the public charter school. Alternative certificates will be awarded based on individual student needs and achievement.

**Assessment**

Students may opt-out of the Smarter Balanced or alternate Oregon Extended Assessment by completing the Oregon Department of Education’s Opt-out Form[^1] and submitting the form to the public charter school.

[^1]: [www.ode.state.or.us](http://www.ode.state.or.us); or navigate to Teaching & Learning > Testing - Student Assessment > Smarter Balanced

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Graduation Requirements - IKF-AR

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