

External Mental & Behavioral Health Providers (Access, Vetting, and Oversight)

Purpose. The District supports student access to mental and behavioral health services while safeguarding student privacy, instructional time, and campus safety. Outside providers may deliver services on school property only under this policy and its administrative regulation.

- 1. Parent/Guardian Consent (Required).** No services may occur on District property without *prior, written* parent/guardian consent (or eligible student consent at 18+). Consent must name the agency/provider, service type, frequency/location, and may be revoked at any time.
- 2. Agency Vetting & District Approval (Required).** All agencies and independent clinicians must be *vetted and approved by the District* before any student contact. Approval is discretionary and contingent on the items in JL-AR (credentials, background checks, insurance, CPI training when applicable, MOU, data-privacy terms, etc.). Approval may be limited, suspended, or revoked at any time for noncompliance or safety concerns.
- 3. Memorandum of Understanding / Services Agreement (Required).** Providers may operate on campus only under a current, signed MOU/contract that sets scope of services, liability/insurance, data-privacy and FERPA/HIPAA roles, mandatory-reporting duties, incident response, and termination rights.
- 4. Alignment With Educational Programming.** Services must *support* the student's educational program and, where applicable, the goals/services of the student's IEP/504 plan. Outside services do not replace District obligations under IDEA/Section 504.
- 5. Campus Access & Conduct.** Providers are guests of the District. They must comply with all District and school rules, including visitor protocols, confidentiality, technology use, professional boundaries, and nondiscrimination. The District controls scheduling, locations, and pull-out limits to protect instruction.
- 6. Student Records & Privacy.** Providers are not "school officials" unless expressly designated by contract. No access to education records occurs without a FERPA-compliant release. Provider treatment notes are not District records. Any data exchange must follow the MOU and written releases.
- 7. Safety, Reporting, and Crisis.** Providers are mandatory child-abuse reporters and must report directly to DHS/law enforcement, then notify the District per JL-AR. CPI (or District-approved equivalent) is required for any provider expected to engage in behavioral de-escalation on campus.

8. Equity & Access. Participation is voluntary and must be provided without discrimination. Language access and disability accommodations will be offered to ensure meaningful participation of families.

9. Oversight & Accountability. The Superintendent (or designee) enforces this policy and JL-AR, conducts periodic audits, and may remove or restrict access for safety, noncompliance, or disruption to school operations.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

FERPA; IDEA; Section 504; ADA Title II; ORS 419B.010 (mandatory reporting); applicable OARs