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RULES:
581-021-0655, 581-021-0665

AMEND: 581-021-0655

REPEAL: Temporary 581-021-0655 from ODE 19-2026

RULE TITLE: Duty to Designate One or More Civil Rights Coordinators

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/24/2026

RULE SUMMARY: This item is being brought forward as a technical fix.

On March 19, 2026, the State Board of Education voted to amend OAR 581-021-0655. However, the Department's intent was to request the State Board of Education to amend OAR 581-021-0665 instead of -0655. This resulted in accidental replacement of language in OAR 581-021-0655 which defined the duties of the Civil Rights Coordinator. The Department is asking the State Board to adopt the temporary rule language to return OAR 581-021-0655 to its original intended language (which was not intended to be replaced), and to adopt the temporary rule language of OAR 581-021-0665 (Submission of Coordinator Contact Information) adopted in March 2026 within the correct rule.

Adopting the temporary rules as permanent will restore the intention of the SBE's vote to require the submission of

Coordinator contact information to the Department and restore the rules that require districts to designate one or more civil rights coordinators. Without these permanent rules, districts will not be able to effectively implement ORS 332.505(2).

RULE TEXT:
(1) Each district must designate one or more civil rights coordinators. A civil rights coordinator designated under this rule must:
(a) Be knowledgeable of the requirements of OAR 581-0021-0038, 581-021-0045, 581-021-0046, and 581-021-0660; and
(b) Have the independence and authority necessary to carry out the provisions of OAR 581-021-0660.
(2) Each district must include the name or title, work address, email address, and phone number of each civil rights coordinator designated by the district in the notice of nondiscrimination required by OAR 581-021-0045.
(3) Each district must adopt and follow a policy for the purpose of implementing OAR 581-021-0650 to 581-021-0660. At a minimum, the policy must:
(a) List the requirements of OAR 581-021-0660 and require each civil rights coordinator designated by the district to meet those requirements.
(b) Specify that any complaint alleging discrimination may be made to any civil rights coordinator designated by the district.
(c) Require the tracking and documenting of:
(A) All reports of discrimination received by the district and all responses to those reports issued by the district, including any investigations completed and remedies provided; and
(B) The training completed by each civil rights coordinator designated by the district pursuant to OAR 581-021-0660.
(4) A civil rights coordinator designated under this rule may be a person employed by a district for purposes other than those set forth in OAR 581-021-0660.
(5) Pursuant to a contract entered into between a school district and an education service district, an education service district may designate and provide one or more civil rights coordinators for the school district. If an education service district designates and provides one or more civil rights coordinators for a school district, the education service district assumes the school district's duties under OAR 581-021-0650 to OAR 581-021-0660 to the extent that the contract delegates those duties. An education service district may designate and provide the same civil rights coordinator for multiple districts.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 332.505, ORS 338.115, ORS 659.855, ORS 326.051

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RULE TEXT:
(1) In a time and manner required by the Oregon Department of Education, each district shall provide the department with the contact information of:
(a) Each civil rights coordinator designated by or for the district pursuant to OAR 581-021-0655; and
(b) Each coordinator designated by the district pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
(2) The contact information required by subsection (1) of this rule shall include, at a minimum, each coordinator's name or title, work address, email address, and telephone number.

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