

Parental/Family Relationship**

In determining whether a person is acting in a parental relationship to a student, the district shall examine the facts and circumstances of each case.

Reasonable requests for relevant information from students or persons appearing to be in a supervisory role of a student may be made.

Characteristics that describe a parental relationship would include:

1. Whether the person has physical custody and control of the student;
2. Whether the person supplies the student with food, clothing, shelter or other incidental necessities;
3. Whether the person provides the child with care, education and discipline;
4. Whether the person may authorize ordinary medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological, hygienic or other remedial care and treatment for the child and, in an emergency where the child's safety appears to urgently require it, whether the person may authorize surgery or other extraordinary care.

Definition of "Family": A group of individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption, or individuals whose functional relationships are similar to those found in such associations. The family's purpose is the security, support, nurturing, love, transmission of values and facilitation of each member's growth and development as people, and is the primary social unit affecting a child's well-being.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.145](#)
[ORS 339.133](#)

[ORS 419B.373](#)