

Medically Complex Students (1 FTE RN for up to 225 students (per ORS 336.201))

Definition: Medically complex students means students who may have an unstable health condition and who may require daily professional nursing services. (ORS 336.201)

Registered Nurse Assessment: Needs more than a first aid response; a health plan may or may not be in place.

Examples:

- Asthma: A student that uses their rescue inhaler multiple times per week. Frequent health room visits that require intervention by school staff. Student on multiple maintenance medications for asthma and rescue medications at school that may experience complications related to asthma exacerbations. Student may/may not have nebulizer.
- Seizure: Student is on seizure medication and has occasional breakthrough seizures at school. Student with seizure disorder that may or may not require emergency medications or VNS.
- Severe Allergic Reaction (SAR): Student with a potentially life-threatening allergy that may require emergency medication administration.
- Diabetes: Student with Type 1 diabetes that has blood glucose monitoring supplies and glucagon at school. Student may/may not be an independent self-manager.
- Mental/Emotional/Behavioral Health: Student on medication for depression or other mental/emotional/behavioral health issues with frequent medication dosage changes or complications that may require symptom monitoring. Student who has or is receiving crisis treatment for a mental/emotional/behavioral health issue, such as anxiety, depression, and/or eating disorders.
- Medication: Student has a daily medication given at school by school staff, may require student/family education and/or side effects monitoring.
- Concussion: Student with a recent concussion that needs monitoring and interventions to help with their recovery and academic success
- Miscellaneous examples: Student requires clean intermittent catheterization daily at school; student has a long-term G-tube feeding at school.

Medically Fragile Students (FTE RN for up to 125 students (per ORS 336.201))

Definition: Medically Fragile students means students who may have a life-threatening health condition and who may require immediate professional nursing services. (ORS 336.201)

Nursing Assessment: Licensed nurse should be readily available for assessment and/or intervention

Examples:

Asthma: Student has episodic events that require use of a rescue inhaler or nebulizer multiple times a day. Student hospitalizations and/or emergency department visit(s) have occurred in past year related to asthma.

- Seizure: Severe seizure disorder requiring immediate intervention with VNS, rectal Diastat, or intranasal Versed; student has frequent cluster seizures making it difficult for unlicensed staff to identify beginning and/or end of seizure activity. Student has frequent or prolonged seizures. Student often has prolonged postictal phase.

- Severe Allergic Reaction (SAR): Severe and/or multiple life-threatening allergies necessitating wide-ranging accommodations in the school setting, including administration of emergency epinephrine.
- Diabetes: Student with highly variable blood glucose levels, student requiring insulin administration at school by school staff, non-compliant student, student with cognitive impairment, and/or a newly diagnosed student.
- Mental/Emotional/Behavioral Health: Suicidal ideation or attempts, or volatile behavior, requiring frequent monitoring and interventions. Student who has recently been hospitalized for a mental/emotional/behavioral health issue, such as anxiety, depression, and/or eating disorders.
- Miscellaneous examples: Multiple ‘complex’ conditions that combined put the student at risk of a life- threatening event. A student at risk of adrenal crisis with an emergency plan.

Nursing Dependent Students (1 RN or LPN for every 1 nursing dependent student (per ORS 336.201))

Definition: Nursing-dependent students means students who may have an unstable or life-threatening health condition and who may require daily, direct, and continuous professional nursing services. (ORS 336.201)

Registered Nurse Assessment: Student requires direct and continuous care by a licensed nurse (1:1)

Examples:

- Student with tracheostomy that requires nursing assessment & care to maintain airway.
- Student with multiple health conditions e.g. compromised airway, severe seizure disorder, GT feedings, etc. that requires skilled nursing assessment and intervention.