



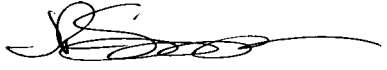
### 4.50.024-AD Dental Health

Healthful habits in oral hygiene shall be the subject of instruction in appropriate areas of the curriculum; elementary school teachers and especially health teachers in high school should give attention to encouraging sound dental health practices. Teachers should urge students to make periodic visits to their family dentist and should be alert to dental defects, which need attention and should be called to the attention of parents. Dental care facilities, which provide treatment for oral health problems of low-income students are available both in the district and in the community. Some of the facilities are listed below along with a description of referral procedures.

- (1) **Assistance League of Portland Dental Center at Creston School for Low-Income Families.**
  - (a) District schools, in conjunction with the Multnomah Dental Society and the Assistance League, operates a dental clinic at Creston school to provide for some of the more severe needs of children in grades K-8 who come from low-income families.
    - (A) Referral Procedure. Teachers, school nurses and principals make referrals to the Creston Clinic. Dental Health Service application forms, which are available in the school office, must be completely filled out on both sides and signed by the parent or guardian.
    - (B) Eligibility. In order to be eligible for services at the Creston Dental Clinic, students must:
      - (i) Reside within the boundaries of Portland school district;
      - (ii) Qualify for free or reduced lunch program;
      - (iii) Have the written consent of parent or guardian.
  - (b) Children from families receiving aid from veterans' pensions, social security and Industrial Accident Insurance qualify for the Clinic's services. Children on Oregon Health Plan Dental Insurance are not eligible, except when there is need for emergency treatment.
- (2) **Dental Care for Children Receiving Welfare Assistance.** Multnomah County has an information and referral service for families not eligible for services at the Creston Clinic. The service provides screening and schedules appointments.

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