



Outdoor School Funding S.B. 439



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What is Outdoor School?

Launched in southern Oregon's Curry County in 1957

By 1970 more than 80 percent of Oregon middle school students attended outdoor school.

As of 2012, only half of Oregon students participated in Outdoor School





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Oregonians Support Outdoor School

- “Getting Oregon schoolchildren into programs that get them outdoors to learn about science and the environment:”
 - **93 percent of Oregonians think it is important.**
 - **67 percent of Oregonians think it is “extremely important” or “very important.”**



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Would you support \$20 million a year to ensure all Oregon students get a chance to attend Outdoor School?

– 64 percent “yes” (only 22 percent “no”)



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- Support highest outside Portland Metro region
 - 60 percent Portland
 - 64 percent Willamette Valley
 - **70 percent rest of state**



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Most important skills “for the students of today to be the citizens Oregon needs for a strong future:”

- Building **self-sufficiency** and **leadership skills**
- **Being good stewards** of Oregon’s natural resources
- Teaching children how to **collaborate** and **work together**
- Getting children **active** and **healthier** in outdoor settings





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