



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor



OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

Oregon achieves . . . together!

Colt Gill

Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

SB 664 (2019): Holocaust & Other Genocide Implementation Update
Senate Education Committee
January 13, 2020

Good morning, Chair Wagner and members of the committee. For the record, I am Jessica Ventura, legislative director for the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). With me is Amit Kobrowski, Social Science Specialist at the department. We are here today to provide you with a quick update on SB 664 (2019) and answer questions you may have.

During the 2019 legislative session, Oregon enacted [SB 664](#) requiring direct instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides. This legislation identified nine instructional objectives school districts must address in K-12 classrooms. These objectives encourage students to explore how prejudice, racism, and stereotyping lead to discrimination and violence with specific instruction on the Holocaust as well as other genocides. School districts must provide instruction on these objectives beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

SB 664 directs the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to educational organizations offering professional development opportunities for educators.

Upon passage of the SB 664 (2019), the Standards and Instructional Support team at ODE have taken the following actions to help teachers and school successfully implement the bill:

- Standards and Instructional Support created guidance on connecting the objectives of the Holocaust/genocide bill to 2018 Social Science Standards
- Collaborating with The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education to assist with the Teacher Advisory Board working to create lesson plans for distribution by the Museum
- Created supplemental resource selection guide for teachers seeking materials for classroom use
- Participated in Oregon State University 2019 summer workshop for teachers new to Holocaust/genocide education
- Presented to the Jewish Federation of Portland on concerns with Ethnic Studies and Holocaust and anti-semitism education
- Offering professional development to ESD, School Districts, and Schools seeking training on Holocaust/Genocide
- Currently creating guidance connecting SB 664, SB13 (Tribal History), and HB 2845 (Ethnic Studies)