

# OREGON OUTDOOR SCHOOL

LET'S GET STUDENTS **OUT THERE**



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# Impacts of State-Wide Funding

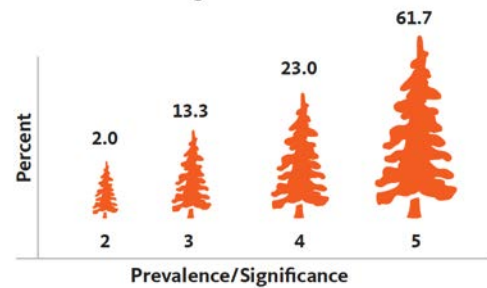
- **Impacting 43,600 students over biennium (92,000)**
  - Support for ALL students and schools
  - High quality, inclusive programming
  - Support for better educational experiences
  - Statewide provider capacity
  - Value added educational benefits to K-12
  - Oregon outdoor economy career pathway
  - High school student involvement & support
- **\$3.45 million in leveraged funds (*first biennium*)**
- **Partner Support**



# Outdoor School First Biennium

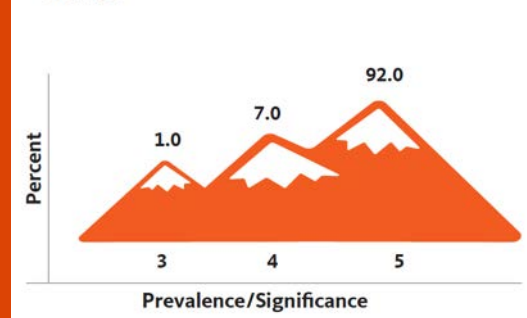
- 130 new schools
- 14,000 new students

Student Leadership, Critical Thinking, and Decision-Making



When asked to rate the development of students' leadership, critical thinking, and decision-making skills, early 85 percent of schools rated this a 4 or a 5.

Science



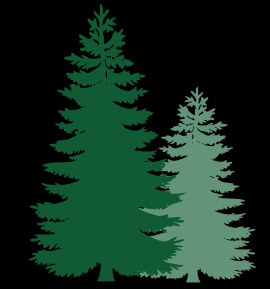
92 percent of schools reported that their outdoor school curriculum and content significantly addressed science.

## BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORIES	2017-2018 <sup>1</sup>	2018-2019 <sup>2</sup>	2018-2019 <sup>3</sup>
School districts receiving funding	128 of 197	146 of 197	147
Schools funded	385	490	512
Number of students	30,739	42,456	43,643
Number of days outside	115,131	167,126	171,283
State sponsored charters*	2 of 4	3 of 4	3 of 4

\*All four participated in the first two years of the program.  
<sup>1</sup>Actual participation for 2017-2018

<sup>2</sup>Applications as of July 31, 2018  
<sup>3</sup>Applications as of January 1, 2019



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# Benefits of Full Programming

- **National and International Studies**
- 3-day vs 5-day residential program comparison:
  - Interest in learning
  - Environmental stewardship
  - Knowledge & awareness
  - Differences still pronounced after 3 months
- **Oregon Studies**
- Time outside & programming length associated with:
  - Locus of control
  - Environmentally responsible behavior
  - Sensitivity & awareness
- Outdoor school evaluation; 3-day vs. 5 or 6-day
  - Environmental learning
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: collaboration & communication
  - Positive school behaviors





# WHAT QUESTIONS ARE THERE?



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