

House Bill 3134

Sponsored by Representative MCINTIRE

SUMMARY

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Adds phonics as component of language arts instruction and academic content standards.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to instruction in language arts; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329.007; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 329.007 is amended to read:

6 329.007. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

7 (1) "Academic content standards" means expectations of student knowledge and skills adopted
8 by the State Board of Education under ORS 329.045.

9 (2) "Administrator" includes all persons whose duties require an administrative license.

10 (3) "Board" or "state board" means the State Board of Education.

11 (4) "Community learning center" means a school-based or school-linked program providing in-
12 formal meeting places and coordination for community activities, adult education, child care, infor-
13 mation and referral and other services as described in ORS 329.157. "Community learning center"
14 includes, but is not limited to, a community school program as defined in ORS 336.505, family re-
15 source centers as described in ORS 417.725, full service schools, lighted schools and 21st century
16 community learning centers.

17 (5) "Department" means the Department of Education.

18 (6) "History, geography, economics and civics" includes, but is not limited to, Oregon Studies.

19 (7) "Language arts" includes **phonics and** reading, writing and other communications in any
20 language, including English.

21 (8) "Oregon Studies" means history, geography, economics and civics specific to the State of
22 Oregon. Oregon Studies instruction in Oregon government shall include municipal, county, tribal
23 and state government, as well as the electoral and legislative processes.

24 (9) "Parents" means parents or guardians of students who are covered by this chapter.

25 (10) "Public charter school" has the meaning given that term in ORS 338.005.

26 (11) "School district" means a school district as defined in ORS 332.002, a state-operated school
27 or any legally constituted combination of such entities.

28 (12) "Teacher" means any licensed employee of a school district who has direct responsibility
29 for instruction, coordination of educational programs or supervision of students and who is com-
30 pensated for such services from public funds. "Teacher" does not include a school nurse, as defined
31 in ORS 342.455, or a person whose duties require an administrative license.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (13) “The arts” includes, but is not limited to, literary arts, performing arts and visual arts.

2 (14) “World languages” includes sign language, heritage languages and languages other than a
3 student’s primary language.

4 (15) “21st Century Schools Council” means a council established pursuant to ORS 329.704.

5 **SECTION 2.** ORS 329.007, as amended by section 6, chapter 253, Oregon Laws 2019, and section
6 3, chapter 178, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

7 329.007. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

8 (1) “Academic content standards” means expectations of student knowledge and skills adopted
9 by the State Board of Education under ORS 329.045.

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11 (3) “Board” or “state board” means the State Board of Education.

12 (4) “Community learning center” means a school-based or school-linked program providing in-
13 formal meeting places and coordination for community activities, adult education, child care, infor-
14 mation and referral and other services as described in ORS 329.157. “Community learning center”
15 includes, but is not limited to, a community school program as defined in ORS 336.505, family re-
16 source centers as described in ORS 417.725, full service schools, lighted schools and 21st century
17 community learning centers.

18 (5) “Department” means the Department of Education.

19 (6) “History, geography, economics and civics” includes, but is not limited to, Holocaust and
20 genocide studies and Oregon Studies.

21 (7) “Holocaust and genocide studies” means studies on the Holocaust, genocide and other acts
22 of mass violence that comply with the requirements described in ORS 329.494.

23 (8) “Language arts” includes **phonics and** reading, writing and other communications in any
24 language, including English.

25 (9) “Oregon Studies” means history, geography, economics and civics specific to the State of
26 Oregon. Oregon Studies instruction in Oregon government shall include municipal, county, tribal
27 and state government, as well as the electoral and legislative processes.

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33 for instruction, coordination of educational programs or supervision of students and who is com-
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35 in ORS 342.455, or a person whose duties require an administrative license.

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38 student’s primary language.

39 (16) “21st Century Schools Council” means a council established pursuant to ORS 329.704.

40 **SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 329.007 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act be-**
41 **come operative on July 1, 2023.**

42 **(2) The amendments to ORS 329.007 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act first apply to the**
43 **2023-2024 school year.**

44 **(3) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the**
45 **State Board of Education and the Department of Education may take any action before the**

1 **operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the purpose**
2 **of including instruction in phonics as a component of language arts.**

3 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
5 **on its passage.**

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