



HB 3037: Outdoor School Data Collection

Overview:

House Bill 3037 has two components: (1) legislate a student-level educational data sharing agreement among Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service Outdoor School program and (2) outlines new student-level data collection for each student across all districts/schools. The new data collection is one yes/no question: “did the student attend outdoor school?” for 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. This accounts for high school leaders participating in outdoor school programs statewide.

Rationale for Bill:

Outdoor School is for all* students in the state. The OSU Extension Service Outdoor School program

needs access to student-level educational data to meet the legislative promise that all students attend. The OSU Outdoor School program’s legislative charge (ORS 327.390) includes:

- Addressing the inequity of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved children in this state (i.e. participation).
- Prioritizing outdoor school programs that promote standardized measures of academic achievement, reduce discipline problems, and increase engagement (i.e. improve school attendance).
- Evaluating the impact of outdoor school programs.

“Understanding individual family situations and meeting those needs boost student participation.”

Financial Impact:

Any added administrative costs incurred by schools/districts would be paid for by existing funds allocated for Outdoor School by ORS 327.390. Administrative costs incurred by ODE would be determined by the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO).

Implications for Schools and Districts:

Schools and/or School Districts will be required to collect one additional

*Sometimes students do not participate in outdoor school due to family situations or religious or cultural beliefs. Families also sometimes decide that off-site or multi-day residential programs may not work for them.



“To equitably include all students in outdoor school, we must always listen and respond to the specific needs in every community in Oregon.”

data point for each student. This will occur one time for 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Data collection is slated to begin in the 2024/2025 school year.

Data Security, Privacy and Confidentiality:

Data shared by ODE with the OSU Outdoor school program will be de-identified. ODE will receive all data from schools and districts and anonymize each record before sharing with The OSU Outdoor School program. The OSU Outdoor School will maintain high security data storage, strict privacy of anonymous data, and release data only in aggregate form.

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