



Early Literacy Success School District Grants

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Early Literacy Success
School District Grants

A Call to Action in Oregon

Early Literacy Success School District Grants

\$90 Million

ESSER Key Investment #7:

- K-5 Framework development and deep statewide learning resources and experiences
- 6-12 Framework development
- Library revitalization grants

\$4 Million



Implementation

ODE has moved both urgently and thoughtfully.



May 2023

Oregon's Early Literacy Framework published

August 2023

HB 3198 signed into law

September 2023

Preliminary Early Literacy School Grant information published;
temporary rules for [definitions](#) and [fund administration](#)
adopted by the State Board of Education

October 1, 2023

[School District Grant Application & Guidance](#) released

**October 2023 - January
2024**

Grant application development and technical assistance for
eligible applicants

Dec 1, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024

Grant application window

Since Jan 8, 2024

Grant application review underway

Oregon is “All-In” for Literacy

100% of eligible districts and charter schools applied for the Early Literacy School Grant funding by the January 8th deadline.



The Jumpstart Biennium 23-25



Ambitious Implementation Timeline. The timeline for applicants to build a plan and apply for funds was very fast.

- As a result, the first biennium of implementation--and especially the first year--serves as a jumpstart for districts, a **“Jumpstart Biennium.”**
- **Serves as an on-ramp** for applicants to begin implementing early literacy changes and provide space for collective statewide learning, adjustment, and growth.
- **Allows for engagement and input on applicants’ early literacy plans and the permanent rule making process**, while honoring the urgency of the moment and timeline set forth in the legislation.

Implementation Highlights

- **Partnership:** Consistent opportunities to work alongside ESDs, COSA, and Stand for Children.
- **Technical Assistance:** 35 in-person or virtual opportunities to support district & eligible charter school participation and completion of Early Literacy grant applications.
- **Programmatic Coordination:** Application review process and infrastructure designed to address urgency of the Jumpstart Biennium and align to Integrated Guidance, to the extent possible.
- **Oregon's First Literacy Team:** Five of seven positions on the Literacy Team have been hired, including our Director of Literacy.



Allocations



- [Allocations](#) have been posted on the Early Literacy Success Initiative web page since October 2024
- Temporary Rules for Fund Administration set forth the minimum funding and other parameters for the Jumpstart Biennium allocations.
- The statute required a minimum grant award for districts with an ADM < 50.
- **2024-2025 rate per ADMw: \$149.63**
- **Example allocations (for the biennium):**
 - Portland SD 1J - **\$6,697,684** (22,829 eligible students)
 - Milton Freewater Unified SD 7 **\$269,683** (919 eligible students)
 - Imbler SD 11 **\$85,082** (196 eligible students)

Application Review



- Application deadline was January 8th, 2024; ODE received a total of 250 applications (representative of 100% of eligible districts and charter schools).
- An internal grant application review team of 30 ODE staff received nine hours of training, to ensure calibration and quality alignment.
- Each application is reviewed by two reviewers, and takes an approximate total of 3 hours to review and score.
- To date, ODE has reviewed 103 of 250 applications.
- ODE's focus is to provide responsive technical assistance and support for applicants with incomplete applications or those needing revisions.
- Application review completion and signed grant agreements are anticipated for March-May of 2024.

Initial Snapshots: [Still Under Construction]

Next Steps



Supporting Implementation of HB 3198 & Oregon's Early Literacy Framework

- Continued technical assistance, resource development, and coaching to support effective district implementation of grant activities.
- Develop professional development in support of district early literacy practices beginning in the Spring of 2024
- Develop Oregon's Grade 6-12 Literacy Framework.
- Spring 2024 Literacy Tour to support statewide awareness and momentum of early literacy efforts.

Alignment with Integrated Guidance

- Guidance for the 25-27 application will be released as part of the next round of Integrated Guidance in March 2024.

Rulemaking Update

- Given the broad range of perspectives and interest, ODE convened a Literacy Rules Advisory to gather additional input and inform permanent rules-making.
- The Literacy Rules Advisory has met five times since October and will continue to be engaged throughout permanent rule-making.
- Adoption of permanent rules by the State Board of Education is anticipated in March 2024.
- These will likely be effective for the 2025-2027 application cycle, after the Jumpstart Biennium.



Thank you, Legislature, for Sponsoring Literacy

“Reading science has shown us what needs to be amplified in early reading, but for this practice to be equitable for students, we must also address the how. ... To implement foundational skills programs equitably, we also must ensure that in addition to holding high expectations for all students that all students have access to a full range of supports, culturally relevant content and practices, and aligned instructional materials.”

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