

HB 2007 Summer Learning Update

Senate Education Committee

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The Journey of Summer Learning In Oregon

Where We've Been and What Comes Next...

2021-2022: Emergency-driven funding; urgent action, broad reach

2023: No state funding, loss of existing programs

2024: Rebuilding with a plan for the future through **HB 4082**

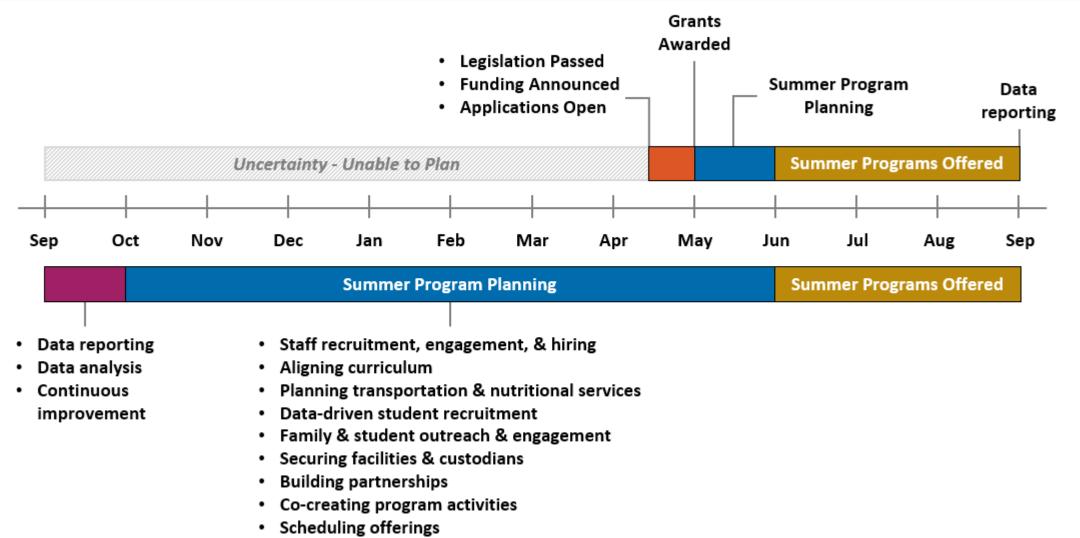
2025-2027: Stabilization and sustainability through **HB 2007**



The Coquille Indian Tribe wove summer learning into their Restoration Celebration through language workshops building literacy, culture, and opportunities.

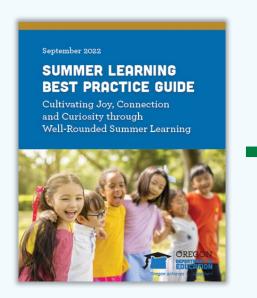
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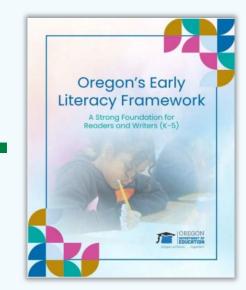
Oregon's Summer Learning Cycle Current Reality vs. Ideal Future



HB 2007:

Building on Best Practices with a Literacy Emphasis



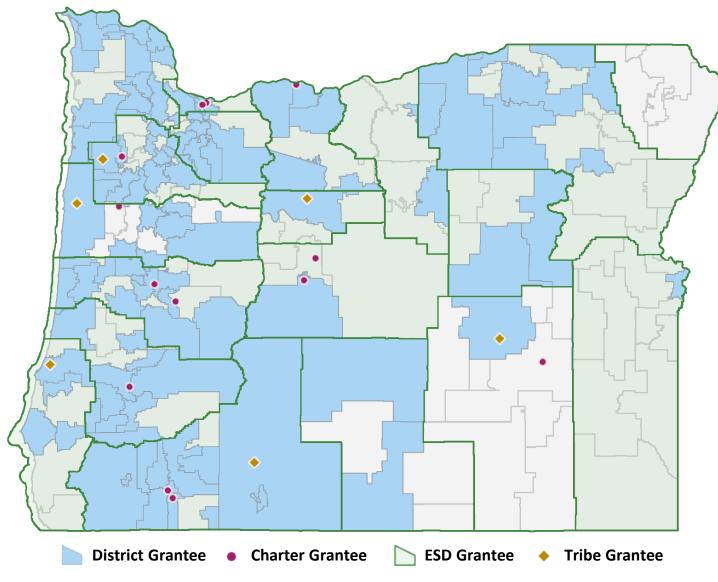


\$35 million for Summer 2025 Literacy-Focused & Student-Centered

State Summer Learning Grants

- Responds to the need for stable, **biennial funding** for 2025-27.
- ✓ Eligible entities now include Tribal Nations.
- ✓ Programs must focus on improving reading proficiency, but may include math, science, credit recovery, and grade level transitions.
- Requires evidence-based literacy instruction and interventions designed to support students who are not yet reading at grade-level.
- Programs must measure and report student growth outcomes.
- ☑ Enrichment may be provided if activities are designed to improve academic outcomes and combined with evidence-based interventions.

Summer 2025: \$35 Million Investment



139 Grantees:

- 105 School Districts
- **13 Charter Schools**
- **☼** 15 ESDs
- 6 Tribes

Expanding impact through partnerships

with community-based organizations, nonprofits, local governments, and businesses

Strengthening Oregon's Youngest Readers

Preliminary findings from 2025 summer programs; full legislative report due February 15, 2026.



Astoria students choosing books to read, re-read, and share at home.

This summer, Oregon students experienced small-group, research-aligned literacy instruction at a scale never before possible.

Among elementary programs:

- 70% set goals in Foundational Reading Skills standards, the building blocks of literacy
- 22% set goals in Reading Literature, Informational Text, and Writing standards
- 86% provided 30-90 minutes of daily evidence-based instruction, 4-5 days per week.
- 65% exceeded the required minimum 80-hours of total programming.
- Student-to-teacher ratios averaged 7:1 (median 5:1),
 ensuring personalized support aligned with best practices.



Looking Forward: Summer 2026

Two-Phase Approach to Rulemaking



Summer 2025: Scio SD students practicing for readers' theatre performance.

Purpose:

To ensure the State Summer Learning Grant Program is equitable, transparent, and aligned with legislative intent, while giving grantees the lead time needed to plan for summer 2026.

Phase 1: Foundation Rules (Adoption Oct 2025)

- ✓ Define grant award process
- ✓ Determine grant length
- → Establish longer timeline for grantee planning for summer
 2026 and beyond

Phase 2: Comprehensive Policy Development (2026-27)

- Address program quality indicators, evaluation, partnerships, professional development, and definitions
- In partnership with an Expanded Learning Advisory Committee
- → Process informed by HB 4082 Final Study and Workgroup recommendations

Engagement for Summer 2026



Summer 2025: Dr. Williams guiding a North Marion SD student through poetry writing.

How We Engaged

- → August 2025: 3 Public Sessions, 5+ Targeted Sessions, Ongoing Rules Community Advisory (ORCA) Presentation
- → Methods: Facilitated Discussions, Open Q&A, Surveys

Who We Engaged

- → School Districts, ESDs, Charters
 - Urban, Suburban,Rural, Frontier
 - □ Small, Medium, Large
 - Superintendents,Summer Program Staff,Licensed & Classified Staff
- → Current & Past Summer Learning Grantees

- → Tribes
- → HB 4082 Workgroup
- → Summit Attendees
- → COSA
- → OAESD
- → Community Based Organizations
- → Youth Serving Entities

Connection to Broader Initiatives

- → HB 3198 Early Literacy Success Initiative
- → SB 141 Education Accountability Initiative
- → HB 4082 Summer Learning Workgroup & Study

What We Heard: Feedback Summary

Focal Engagement Areas:

Award Process

Priority Points & Weighting

Grant Term

Equitable Distribution Across State

Key Takeaways

- → General support of process
- → **Reduce** barriers for small/rural districts keep application simple
- → Right-size awards ensure awards reflect district size, capacity, and staff availability
- → **Elevate** belonging, attendance improvement, culturally responsive practices, youth leadership, and experiential learning in application review
- → Consensus for multi-year grants minimum of 3 years for stability, up to 5 years for system change
- → **Balance** ELA proficiency rate prioritization with local indicators such as attendance, poverty, dual immersion, and rural isolation
- → **Prioritize** Tribal and underserved student groups
- → **Balance** geographic reach and student numbers

2026 State Summer Learning Grant Award Process

Step 1: Prioritize Need

- → Rank order ELA proficiency rates to determine priority points
- → High-need entities rise to top and receive more points upfront

Step 2: Submit Applications

- → <u>All</u> Districts, Charters, ESDs, and Tribes may submit applications
- → Applications include budget with requested amount and projected students served

Step 3: Review Panel

- → Review panel assesses quality, feasibility, and research-aligned practices
- → Likeliness of realizing grant goals

Step 4: Final Awards

- → Final ApplicationScore =Priority Points +Application Points
- → Award amounts right-sized to capacity and impact

Prioritize



Apply



Review

Efficient, Effective, Equitable Awards

Looking Ahead

State Board of
Education:
Permanent Rules
Adoption

October 16

2025 Summer Learning **Preliminary** Legislative Report Due

January 15

2025 Summer Learning **Final** Legislative Report Due

February 15

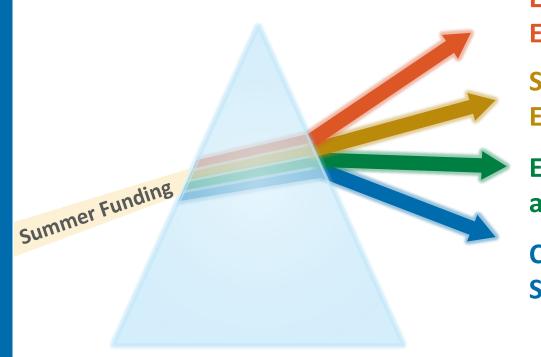
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2025 Summer Learning Grantee Final Reports Due to ODE

Early 2026

2026 Summer Learning Grant Application Period Opens

One Investment, Many Outcomes:



High-Quality
Learning
Experiences

Student **Engagement**

Engaged Partners and Communities

Committed and Supported Staff

- → Increase literacy growth
- → Prevent summer slide
- → Support credit attainment
- → Spark curiosity and love of learning
- → Foster belonging, safety, well-being
- **Engaged Partners** → Leverage community assets
- and Communities → Expand family-school connections
 - → Build educator pipelines
 - → Strengthen collaboration and professional learning











HB 2007 in Action:
2025 State
Summer
Learning
Programs



