



# Agency Overview

House Education Committee  
Dr. Charlene Williams, Director



OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

# Who We Serve

“My vision is to make sure every child in Oregon is successful and has a safe place to receive a high-quality public education. I’ve seen firsthand how a positive student-teacher relationship can set a child on a successful path for the rest of their life. When we collaborate and build partnerships with students, educators and families we can advance equity and lead all students toward success.”

- *Dr. Charlene Williams*

**547,424 Students\***

More than 360 languages spoken

**89,249 Educators**

**Staff of Color**

- 14% of Teachers
- 14% of Administrators
- 20% of Counselors
- 25% of Educational Assistants

**197 Districts**

1,270 Schools

131 Charter Schools

19 Education Service Districts

\*Numbers represent 2023-24

# Mission, Vision & Values

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**Mission:** The Oregon Department of Education fosters equity and excellence for every learner through collaboration with educators, partners and communities.

**Vision:** Every student will have access to and benefit from a world-class, well- rounded and equitable education system.

**Values:** Integrity. Accountability. Excellence. Equity.





# ODE Education Priorities

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**Academic Excellence**



**Belonging and Wellness**



**Reimagining Accountability**



# ODE Session 2025 Priorities

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- **HB 3037 / LC 529 – Grant Alignment**
  - This proposal would allow ODE to streamline reporting processes for small school districts receiving state education grants to allow focus on the core mission of educating students. It also makes a small change to English Language Learner reporting requirements, as well as makes changes to some state education grants from the Student Success Act, expanding eligible grantees and aligning funding formulas.
- **HB 3038 / LC 530 – Adjustments for Education Services**
  - This proposal makes minor changes for statutes related to STEM, recovery schools, Oregon School for the Deaf, and emergency plans for schools. These changes ensure clarity and improve on educational services provided throughout Oregon. They update outdated language, and create clearer statutory guidance for educators, districts and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) in our work to support students.

# ODE Session 2025 Priorities

- **HB 3041 / LC 539 – Educator Advancement Council (EAC) Technical Changes**
  - The EAC needs technical changes in statute to strengthen the coalition of education system partners working towards shared goals and better coordinate state-funded initiatives.
- **SB 867 / LC 536 – Complaints & Investigations**
  - This proposal makes many changes and clarifications to ODE's complaints and investigations processes, including providing students who suffer discrimination with student specific services and protecting students from incidents of sexual conduct occurring during periods between contracts or similar breaks of engagement with education providers.
- **SB 868 / LC 537– Regional Inclusive Services Funding Report**
  - This proposal requires ODE to draft a report to give the Legislature the best information on which to base their decision-making for adequate service levels for Regional Inclusive Services (RIS), which provides critical services to students who experience low-incidence disabilities.

# ODE Session 2025 Priorities



## DEVELOPING – Placeholders

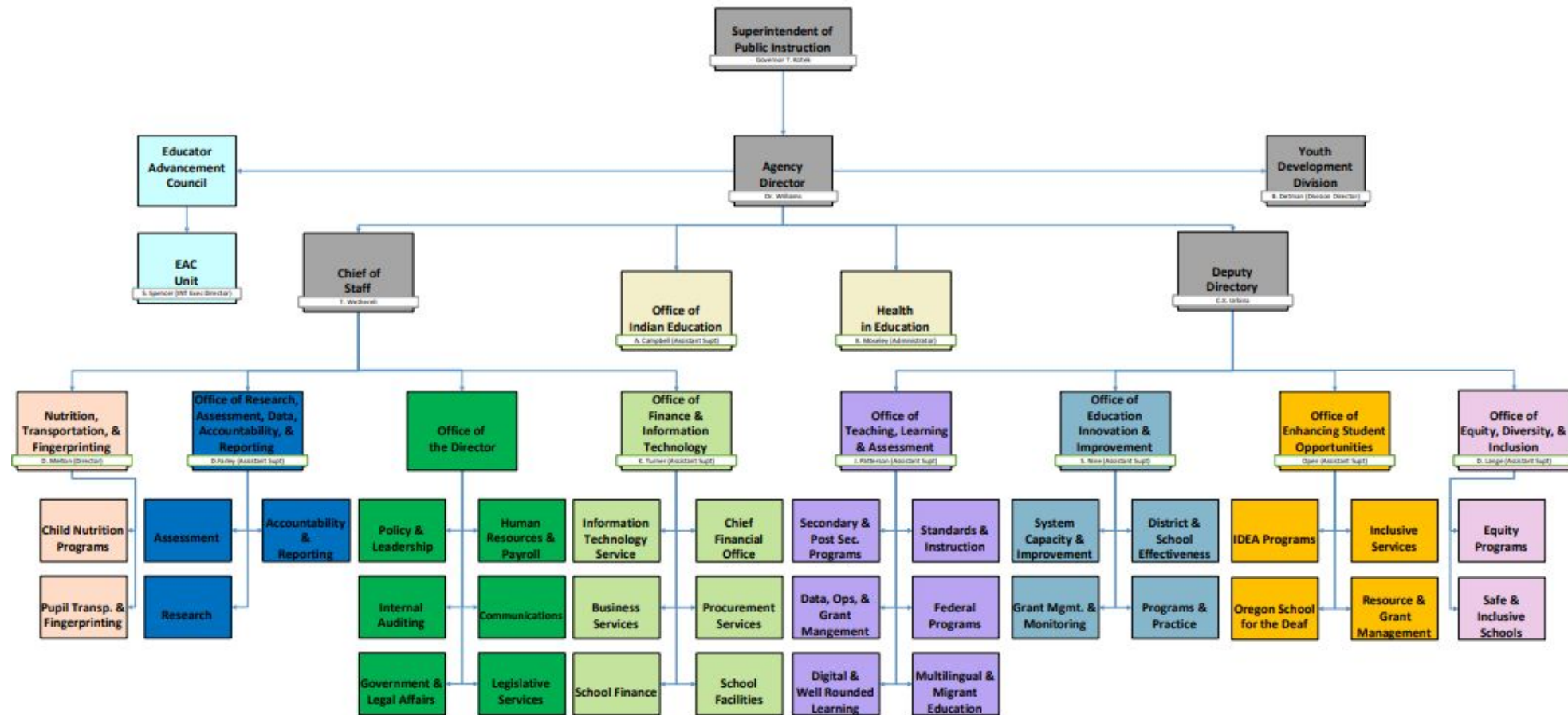
- HB 3039 / LC 533 - Summer and Afterschool Learning
  - Makes permanent the Summer and Afterschool Learning program grants.
- HB 3040 / LC 535 - Early Literacy
  - This proposal adjusts statute to support Oregon's Early Literacy program.
- SB 141 (Governor's Initiative) / LC 531 - **Shared** Accountability
  - Focuses on building shared accountability in Oregon's education system.



# Governance Structure



# How ODE is Organized



# Key Offices and Teams

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- Office of the Director
  - Government and Legal Affairs Team
  - Government Relations & External Affairs Team
  - Health in Education Team
  - Child Nutrition Program, Pupil Transportation, and Fingerprinting Team
  - Human Resources Team
  - Communications Team
  - Student Success Act Coordination
  - Agency Strategic Plan Coordination

# Key Offices and Teams

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- Child Nutrition Programs + Pupil Transportation and Fingerprinting/Background Checks
- Educator Advancement Council
- Office of Education Innovation and Improvement
- Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities
- Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Office of Finance and Information Technology
- Office of Indian Education
- Office of Research, Assessment, Data, Accountability, & Reporting
- Office of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment
- Youth Development Division

# Governance Structure



## State Board of Education

ORS 326.021 establishes the nine member State Board of Education (SBE) to direct ODE in establishing policy for the administration and operation of the public elementary and secondary schools in the state of Oregon.



## Youth Development Council

ORS 417.847 establishes the 23 member Youth Development Council (YDC) to direct the YDD in its role of overseeing a unified system that provides services to school-age children through youth 24 years of age.

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## **Educator Advancement Council**

ORS 342.940 establishes the Educator Advancement Council for the purposes of providing resources related to educator professional learning and other educator support. The council functions through an interagency agreement which provides the framework in the collective effort of establishing a system of educator networks by which every educator in Oregon has access to professional learning opportunities. Additionally, the EAC works to connect educator networks and facilitates communications within and among the networks to improve teaching and learning.

# State Board Members

**JENNIFER SCURLOCK**

*Term: 7/1/23-6/30/27*



**SHIMIKO MONTGOMERY**

*Term: 9/28/22-6/30/26*



**CYNTHIA RICHARDSON**

*Term: 10/5/23-5/30/27*



**BRIDGETT WHEELER**

*Term: 7/1/24-6/30/28*



**MONA KHALIL**

*Term: 10/1/24-6/30/28*



**LIBRA FORDE**

*Term: 10/5/23-6/30/28*



**VICKY LÓPEZ SÁNCHEZ**

*Term: 10/5/23-6/30/27*



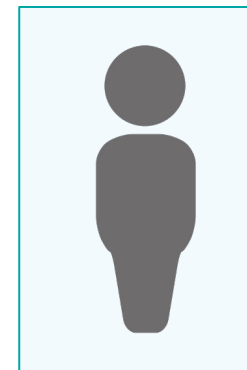
**SARAH WOFFORD**

*Term: 7/1/24-6/30/28*



**JULIE BETTLES**

*Term: 10/1/24-6/30/26*





# State Board Statutory Responsibilities

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- Establish state standards for public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools consistent with the policies stated in ORS 326.011.
- Prescribe required or minimum courses of study.
- Adopt education rules for the general governance of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools, consistent with the policy stated in ORS 342.437.

# Oregon School for the Deaf

ODE also encompasses the state's School for the Deaf, four public charter schools sponsored by the State Board of Education, regional programs for children with disabilities, early intervention and early childhood special education programs for children 0-5 years old, and education programs in Oregon youth corrections facilities and county juvenile detention facilities.

L - R Sharla Jones, Dr. Tenneal Wetherell

Oregon Department of Education



# Boards, Commissions, Councils, Committees and Advisory Groups staffed and supported by ODE

- ODE is home to 35+ Boards, Commissions, Councils, Committees and Advisory Groups that include engagement with educators, students, families, communities, and tribes.



# Some Key Boards, Commissions, Councils, Committees and Advisory Groups staffed and supported by ODE

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- State Board of Education
- Youth Development Council
- Educator Advancement Council
- STEM Investment Council
- Fair Dismissal Appeals Board
- Quality Education Commission
- Government-to-Government Education Cluster
- Rules Advisory Committee
- Statewide CTE Advisory Council
- Student Success Advisory Groups
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - African American/Black
  - Latino/Latina/Latinx and Indigenous Peoples of Central and South Americas
  - Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
  - LGBTQ2SIA+
  - Refugee and Immigrant
- English Language Learner Advisory Group
- State Interagency Coordinating Council
- State Advisory Council for Special Education

# Sister Agencies

**Note: YDD and EAC are housed within ODE**

ODE works with several agencies, those reflected here have a direct partnership through statute, MOA, IAA, or Project.

- DELC - Department of Early Learning and Care
- TSPC - Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
- HECC - Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- DOJ - Department of Justice
- SOS - Secretary of State
- OHA - Oregon Health Authority
- ODHS - Oregon Department of Human Services
- DAS - Department of Administrative Services
- ODR - Oregon Department of Revenue
- Business Oregon
- DCBS - Department of Consumer and Business Services
- OEMD - Oregon Emergency Management Department
- ODOT - Oregon Department of Transportation
- Treasury
- Oregon State Library
- Oregon Lottery
- Oregon Military Department and Veterans Affairs
- Oregon Commissions
- OSP - Oregon State Police
- ERB - Employment Relations Board
- OFD - Oregon Forestry Department
- OPRD - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- The Marine Board
- BOLI - Bureau of Labor and Industries
- Several Licensing Boards
- Several Legislative Offices
- State Fair and Exhibition Center

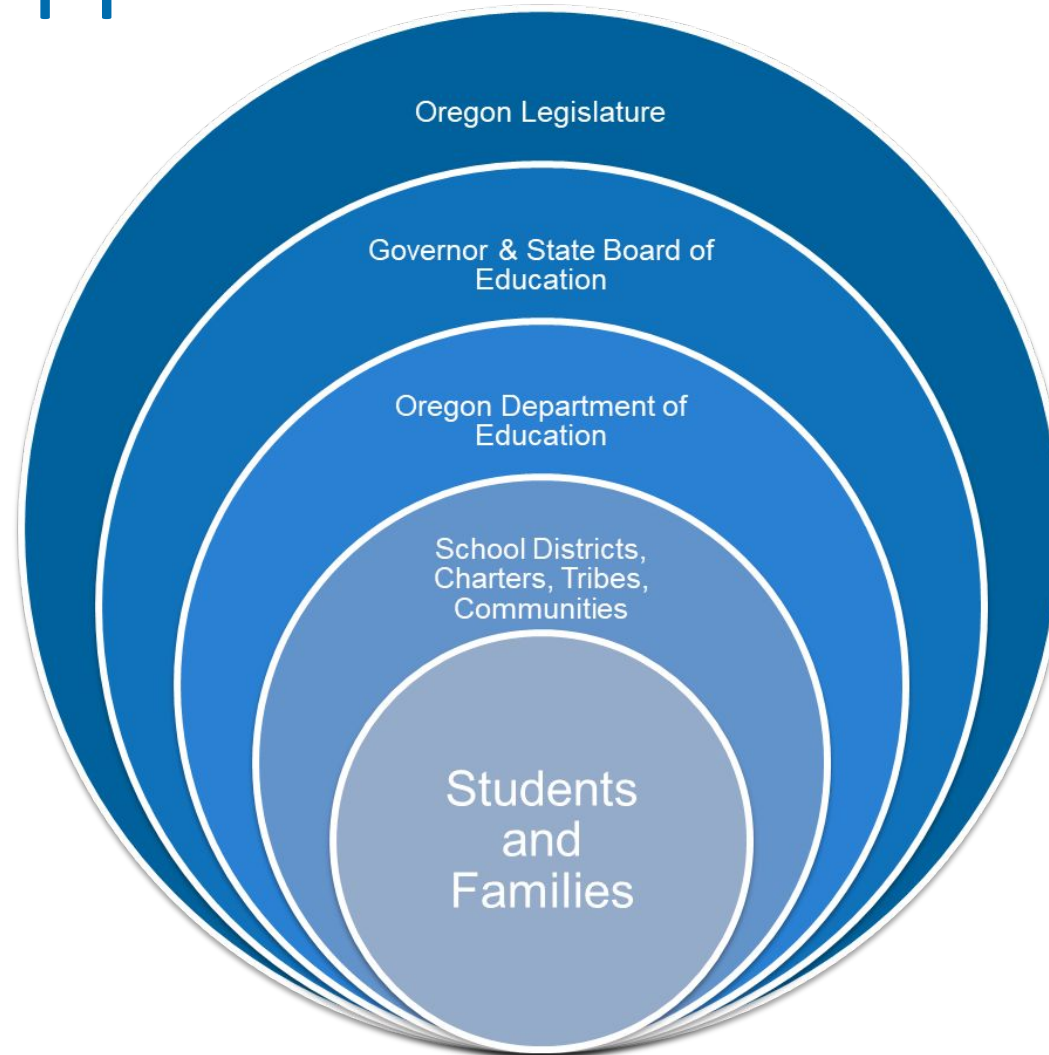


# A Systemic Approach

ODE is also designated as Oregon's State Education Agency (SEA) - The USDE, USDA, and other agencies are key partners through ODE as an SEA.

## Influencers & Partners

- Tribes
- Communities
- AI/AN SS Advisory
- AA/B SS Advisory
- LLL SS Advisory
- PI/NW SS Advisory
- LGBTQ2SIA+ SS Advisory
- IR SS Advisory
- SICC
- SACSE
- EL Advisory Group
- ELA Advisory Panel
- Oregon Commissions
- Educators and Administrators of Color



## Influencers & Partners

- Government-to-Government
- OEA
- OSEA
- COSA
- OSBA
- OAESD
- OASBO
- OSSA
- OSAA
- Charter Lobbies
- QEC
- EAC
- ELC
- HECC
- YDC
- ODE/SBE Ongoing Rules Community Advisory



Do the best you can until  
you know better.  
Then when you know better,  
do better.

-Maya Angelou

