

2015-2016 Special Education Report



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Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Oregon Department of Education is proud to issue the eleventh annual special education report. Reported indicators and targets correspond to the information in the State Performance Plan (SPP) for Special Education that is required by the United States Department of Education. As Oregon schools and districts continue to face many challenges, educators remain committed to providing the highest quality education for Oregon students. This report is not meant to tell you everything about your district, but it offers a starting point for discussions about where improvement might be needed and for celebrating successes in education for Oregon's children.

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LOCAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOUR DISTRICT

Lincoln County School District continues to value a quality education for all students. The Parent Survey results are actually from the 2015-2016 school year and reflect quite an increase (27% to 88%) in parents reporting that schools facilitated their involvement as means of improving services and results.

It's difficult to clearly define all the factors that may contribute to a drop in the graduation rate of students with IEP's between 13-14 and 14-15. In 2008-2009 when Oregon required school districts to offer other diploma options such as Modified, Extended, and Alternative Certificate, Lincoln County began the process of creating procedures for eligibility and providing information for students and parents regarding diploma choices. Since that time, changes have been made to the Extended and Modified criteria that could have affected a student's choice to earn something other than a standard diploma. Prior to 2014, students graduating with Modified diplomas weren't eligible for Federal Financial Aid and Modified Diplomas were not counted in district and state graduation rates.

Students with disabilities face particular challenges while navigating high school standards and working toward their diploma of choice. They would not otherwise be eligible for special services if their disability did not cause a significant impact in their educational performance. The 2015-2016 five-year cohort rate increased from 61% the previous year to 66% indicating that some students with IEP's attended an additional year in order to complete graduation requirements.

We continue to offer special education staff ongoing professional development to learn special education law compliance and improve processes.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

Students Graduating 2014-2015	District	State Target	Least Restrictive Environment	District	State Target
Students with IEPs graduating with regular diploma: four-year cohort rate	48.2%	75.0% or more	Students included in regular class 80% or more of day	60.3%	72.0% or more
Students with IEPs graduating with regular diploma: five-year cohort rate	66.0%	80.0% or more	Students included in regular class less than 40% of day	18.4%	10.7% or less
High School Dropout 2014-2015	District	State Target	Students served in public or private separate schools, residential placements, or homebound / hospital	1.1%	1.8% or less
Students with IEPs dropping out	5.0%	3.4% or less			

Timeline for Eligibility	District	State Target
Students with parental consent to evaluate who were evaluated and eligibility determined within 60 school days	99.2%	100.0%

IEP = Individualized Education Program
 A written statement for a child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised by an IEP Team.

Department of Education Notes
 - No data available.
 * Not displayed because at least 6 students are needed to maintain confidentiality.

Special Education
 §300.39(a) Special education means specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability.

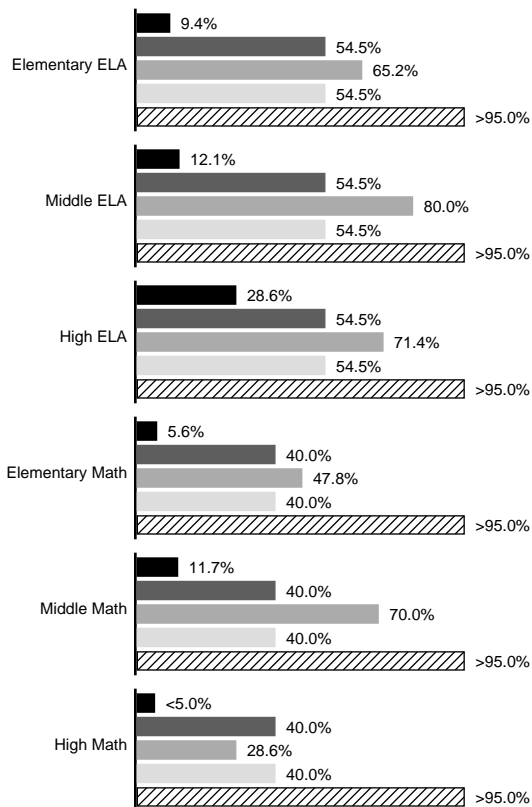
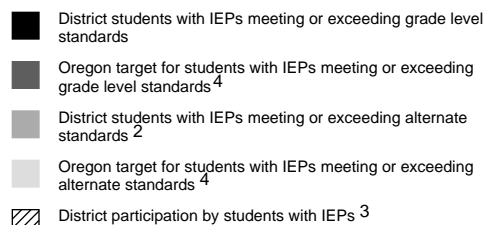
LRE = Least Restrictive Environment
 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5) and §300.114(2)(i)&(ii) To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are nondisabled; and special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

Academic Achievement

Percentage of Students Meeting Standards

The graphs below show the percentage of students in your district that met or exceeded the state standards on Oregon's Smarter Balanced Assessments¹ during the last school year. In 2015-2016, Math included a knowledge and skills assessment for each student in grades 3-8 and 11; English Language Arts included a reading and skills assessment for each student in grades 3-8 and 11.



Post-Secondary Outcomes

Youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs at the time they left school, and, within one year of leaving high school, were

	District	State Target
Enrolled in higher education	20.8%	29.0%
Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed	58.3%	55.0%
Enrolled in higher education or in other post-secondary education or training program; or, competitively employed or in other employment	79.2%	72.0%

Suspension / Expulsion 2014-2015

	District	State Target
District identified with significant discrepancy in rate of suspension / expulsion for more than 10 days	Yes	Note ⁷
District identified with a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in rate of suspension / expulsion for more than 10 days; and, policies, procedures, or practices contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards	Yes	Note ⁷

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- No data available.
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- NA Too few test scores or students to determine a rating.

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Secondary Transition

Youth aged 16 and above with IEPs that included the following: appropriate, measurable post-secondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age-appropriate transition assessment; transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet the post-secondary goals; and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs; and, the district provided evidence that, for the IEP team meeting in which transition services were discussed, the student was invited and, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited with prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority

District	State Target
87.5%	100.0%

Students Receiving Special Education Services

	District	State Target
District identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification	No	No
District identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification	No	No

Parent Survey Results

	District	State Target
Parents who report schools facilitated parent involvement as means of improving services and results ⁶	88.2% ²²	76.73%

Department of Education Notes

- ¹ Data displayed reflect participation in regular statewide assessment (Oregon's general assessment) with and without one or more approved accommodations.
- ² Results from the alternate statewide assessment measured against alternate achievement standards (Oregon's Extended Assessment) are not comparable to results from Oregon's Smarter Balanced Assessment.
- ³ All assessments are included in the 95% Federal participation target. Oregon does not measure the alternate statewide assessment against grade level standards.
- ⁴ The state target is based on an annual percentage increase in the number of districts that met the criteria.
- ⁵ Due to passage of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 2015 AMO progress is not measured.
- ⁶ All parents are not surveyed. A sampling of parents complete the Oregon Parent Survey.
- ⁷ The state target is based on an annual percentage reduction in the number of districts identified with a significant discrepancy. A "No" for the district is preferred.
- ²² Data displayed are Parent Survey data collected in 2015-2016 from a sampling of parents in your district.