

# Regional Promise



## Building a college-going culture for all students

The Oregon State Legislature allocated funding in 2014-15 and 2015-17 to increase the number of high school students completing college courses and high school teachers eligible to teach college credit courses. The Oregon Department of Education disbursed these grants to five regional consortia composed of school districts, education service districts, and local postsecondary institutions.

Education Northwest is evaluating the impact of the grants. Evaluation results are summarized here for the 2014-15 grants.

Overview  
2014-15

**303** different  
Regional  
Promise  
classes



**21%**  
of all Oregon students  
attended a Regional  
Promise school

**5** Pillars of Regional  
Promise & Eastern  
Promise



- ▼ Equity
- ▼ College-going culture
- ▼ Accelerated college credit
- ▼ Cross-sector partnerships
- ▼ Cross-sector professional learning communities

Within Regional  
Promise schools  
in 2014-15:

**22%** high school students took  
a Regional Promise course

**16%** took a dual-credit course  
through a community college

**9%** took an Advanced Placement  
course

**4%** took an International  
Baccalaureate course

Results  
2014-15

## Accelerated College Credit\*

Students taking accelerated courses\*  
increased from 2013-14 to 2014-15

Regional Promise  
high schools

↑ **226%**

Non-Regional  
Promise high schools

↑ **84%**

## College-Going Culture



Approx. **3,300** grades 5-12 students  
participated in **college-going activities**

Almost **1,000** students enrolled in  
**college and career success classes**

## Equity



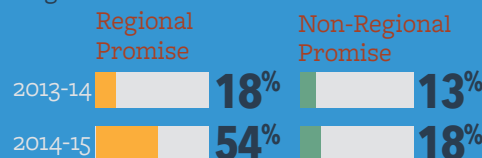
Regional Promise schools closed gaps in  
accelerated college credit\* participation  
for historically underserved student  
groups, including students in poverty



Regional Promise courses  
served higher percentages  
of **students in poverty** and  
**students of color** than  
other types of accelerated  
courses

### Rural Schools

The percentage of students taking  
accelerated courses\* increased more in  
Regional Promise rural schools



## Cross Sector Partnerships

Each site reported plans to continue  
partnerships to increase reach

3 sites continued with 2015-17 grants

## Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

**72** Professional learning  
communities

**310** High school teachers in PLCs

**134** Community college and  
university professors in PLCs

**135** High school teachers newly  
qualified to teach accelerated  
courses

\*Includes Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Regional Promise, and community college dual-credit courses