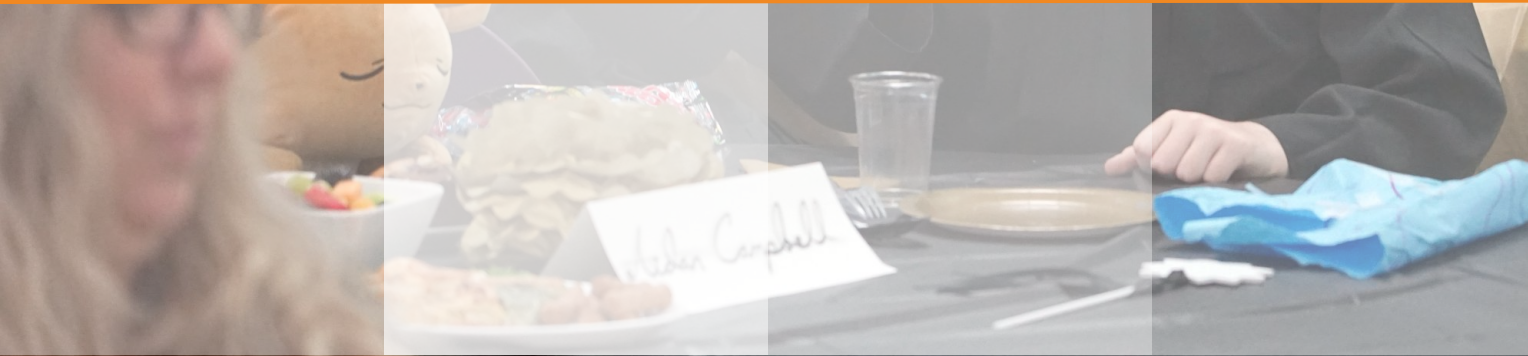


Oregon Education Service Districts

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Oregon's 19 Education Service Districts

Education Service Districts are essential in improving access to quality education, supporting educators, and promoting collaboration among schools within a region to meet the needs of all students.

*ORS 334.005 provides that the mission of education service districts is to assist school districts and the Department of Education in achieving Oregon's educational goals by providing equitable, high quality, cost-effective and locally responsive educational services at a regional level.



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Education Service Districts provide at minimum the following services to local school districts (ORS 334.175):

- **School Improvement**
 - including but not limited to services designed to support component school districts in meeting the requirements of state and federal law, services designed to allow the education service district to participate in and facilitate a review of the state and federal standards related to the provision of a quality education by component school districts, services designed to address school wide behavior and climate issues, and professional technical education and professional development for employees who provide those services.
- **Special Education**
 - One of the primary functions of ESDs in Oregon is to provide special education services to school districts, especially for districts that may not have the resources to offer comprehensive special education programs on their own.
 - ESDs organize and coordinate regional special education programs that can serve multiple districts, ensuring that students with disabilities receive appropriate services.
- **Administrative**
 - including but not limited to services designed to consolidate component school district business functions, liaison services between the Department of Education and component school districts and registration of children being taught by private teachers, parents, or legal guardians pursuant to ORS 339.035.
- **Technology**
 - including but not limited to technology infrastructure services, data services, instructional technology services, distance learning, and professional development for employees who provide those services.



The ESD Local Service Plan (LSP) is collaboratively developed with our partner school districts to reflect this responsibility. It's a menu of services that are mutually agreed upon and is crucial to the success of our shared children and students.



The Crucial Role of ESDs

Providing Specialized Services:

ESDs offer a range of services that individual school districts often are unable to provide on their own, such as special education, professional development, and technology services.

1.Promoting Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness: By pooling resources and services, ESDs help school districts save money and operate more efficiently.

2.Ensuring Equity and Access: ESDs work to ensure that all students, regardless of their location or background, have access to high-quality educational opportunities.

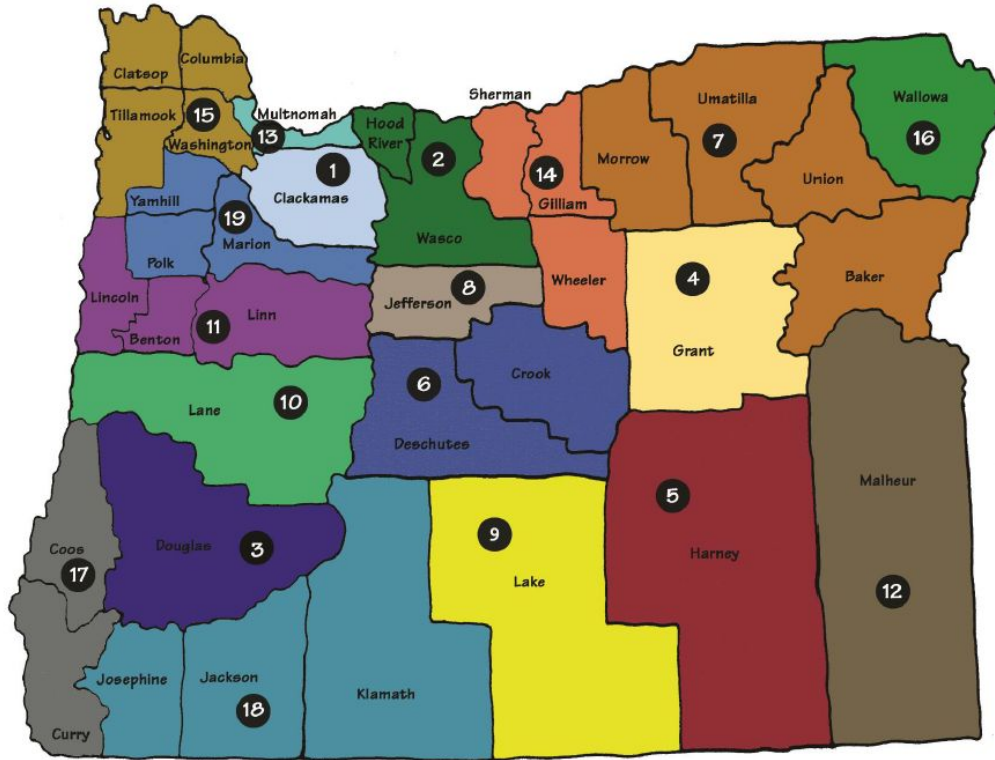
3.Facilitating Collaboration: ESDs foster collaboration among school districts, as well as between education, social services, healthcare, and employment training agencies.

4.Supporting State and Federal Initiatives: ESDs lead the implementation of state and federal education policies and programs, ensuring that local districts receive the services, support and technical assistance to comply with regulations and benefit from available resources.

Motto: ESDs are here to help support districts so they can focus on the important work of educating kids and working with families!



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Oregon ESDs	
1.	Clackamas ESD 1 66,016 ADMw
2.	Columbia Gorge ESD 2 9,251 ADMw
3.	Douglas ESD 12 16,399 ADMw
4.	Grant County ESD 5 2,837 ADMw
5.	Harney ESD 10 3,430 ADMw
6.	High Desert ESD 1 33,172 ADMw
7.	InterMountain ESD 16 30,989 ADMw
8.	Jefferson ESD 4 4,582 ADMw
9.	Lake ESD 5 1,917 ADMw
10.	Lane ESD 11 52,303 ADMw
11.	Linn Benton Lincoln ESD 5 42,240 ADMw
12.	Malheur ESD 10 7,589 ADMw
13.	Multnomah ESD 2 103,050 ADMw
14.	North Central ESD 5 4,759 ADMw
15.	NW Regional ESD 11 116,675 ADMw
16.	Region 18-Wallowa ESD 4 1,384 ADMw
17.	South Coast ESD 8 14,340 ADMw
18.	Southern Oregon ESD 4 59,379 ADMw
19.	Willamette ESD 9 98,940 ADMw

Number of Districts with < 1,650 ADMw

ESD Role in Student & System Success

- 197 School Districts in Oregon
 - Service needs are different in each region
 - More than 100 are rural or frontier districts
 - More than 100 have fewer than 1,000 students
 - The next 30 are 1,000 to 2,000
 - Only 65 have more than 2,000 students
 - Fewer than 30 are either located in cities or suburban areas and serve student counts of more than 5,000



ESDs Generate Revenue for Oregon's Education System

In turn, ESD's compose 4.5% of the State School Fund



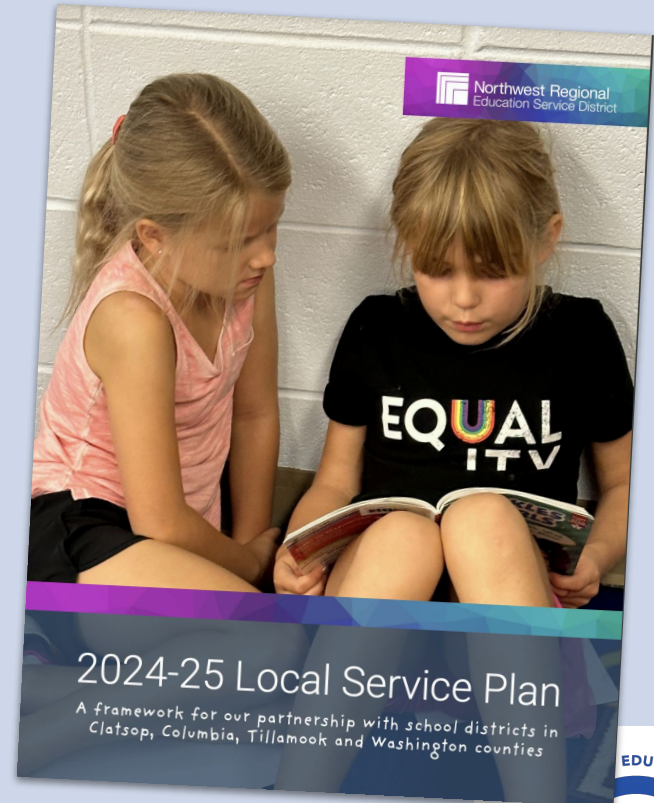
ESDs Function Like Locally Responsive Co-ops



- Low incidence, high-intensity services
- Operational efficiencies
- Each ESD looks different because services are locally responsive and designed in partnership with school districts

ESDs Are Highly Accountable

- Annual, formal local service plan approval process for how services are designed and delivered
 - Adopted by ESD board
 - Approved by March 1 by resolution of two-thirds of the component school districts that have at least a majority of the pupils



ESD Role in Student & System Success

- 19 ESDs across Oregon regionalize and individualize services for districts
 - Shared service model saves money for school districts by consolidating and distributing limited resources across districts
 - Regional programs in Career and Technical Education, workforce development programs, curriculum adoption, student attendance, district accountability
 - Districts large and small benefit from shared services
 - Changing needs means changing services at ESDs



ESD Role in Student & System Success

- 19 ESDs across Oregon regionalize and individualize services for districts
 - Expertise can be shared
 - Training and professional development needs are constantly shifting
 - Medicare/Medicaid, eRate, federal Title programs
 - Technology support, security & recovery
 - Legal changes, fiscal accountability



ESD Role in Student & System Success



- 19 ESDs across Oregon regionalize and individualize services for districts
 - Regional services support directives from Oregon Department of Education, the Governor, or changes in law from legislature
 - 319 reports in 31 formats in 2024-25
 - Integrated Guidance/Student Success Act support
 - Special Education
 - Early Literacy



ESD Role in Student & System Success



- ESDs service ODE contracts for students in Early Childhood/Early Special Education (EI/ECSE), Regional Inclusive Services (RIS), incarcerated students, Oregon State Hospital
 - Students and families across Oregon are supported by ESD personnel in regions they would normally not have access to service

ESD Role in Student & System Success



- ESDs are central to Oregon's school & student support systems
 - We solve hard problems
 - Provide access to opportunity
 - We serve those most in need

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"We were a family that was in the boat of not being able to send our child to preschool due to high medical needs and non-verbal communication. The Clackamas ESD team proved to us early that they were not only qualified to work with kids with high needs but that they could create an environment where everyone is welcome. It was absolutely amazing to see non-IEP children interacting and playing with our daughter! Our expectations were exceeded."

- A grateful Clackamas ESD preschool parent

