



# College Credit Opportunities for Oregon High School Students

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# ORS 340

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- Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 340 is the law that governs the ways Oregon students can earn college credit while in high school; this is sometimes called Accelerated Learning.
- ORS 340 aims to expand program options available to all Oregon students and to increase access to these programs for historically underserved students.

[College Credit in the High School: Oregon Revised Statute 340](#)



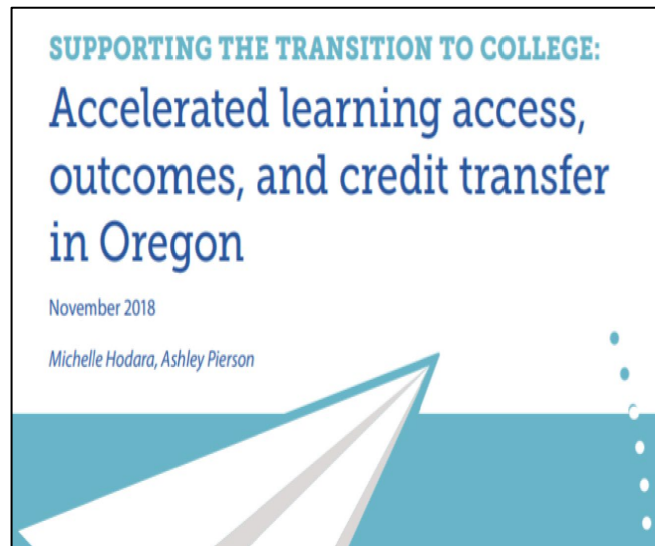


## Oregon Law Prioritizes Access to College Credit in High School Programs

- All schools must offer college credit opportunities to students
- Programs and funding prioritize access for students from groups who have been historically underserved by college credit in the high school programs, including students experiencing poverty.

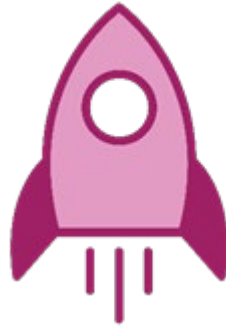
# Why Accelerated Learning for all Oregon students?

- Oregon students who participate in accelerated learning during high school are
  - 30% more likely to graduate from high school,
  - 25% more likely to enroll in college and,
  - 22% more likely to persist in college than those who do not.
- This is consistent across demographic groups.



Source: *Accelerated Learning Access, Outcome, and Credit Transfer in Oregon*

# Accelerated College Credit



# Types of Accelerated College Credit Include:



**International  
Baccalaureate**

**Advanced  
Placement**

**Oregon  
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# International Baccalaureate (IB)



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# International Baccalaureate

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- Offers a holistic, rigorous, 2-year program to students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Includes the Diploma Program and the Career-related Program
- HB 4137 (2024) directed the State Board of Education to adopt rules by which IB program completers will also be considered to have met Oregon Diploma credit requirements.





IB Diploma  
Program (18)



IB Career-Related  
Program (5)

## International Baccalaureate Programs in Oregon



# International Baccalaureate Funding Impact

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In spring of 2024, state funding lowered the price of the IB exams for Oregon Students:

- 6,832 IB exams cost lowered by \$20,
- 1,016 IB exams full fee paid for students experiencing poverty.



# Advanced Placement (AP)



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# Advanced Placement

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The Advanced Placement (AP) is a program created by the College Board offering college-level curriculum and examinations to high school students.

In 2023-24 school year:

- 101 Oregon districts offered at least one AP course
- 34,455 AP tests were taken in May of 2024

# Advanced Placement Participation and Funding Impact

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In spring of 2024, state funding lowered the price of the test for:

- 27,108 AP exams by \$20
- 7,347 AP exams full fee was paid for students experiencing poverty

# Oregon Students Achieving with AP

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- In spring 2024 AP tests Oregon students took 34,283 exams.
  - 3617 more tests than were taken in 2023
  - 2276 more exam than were taken in 2019
- 66% of these exams scored well enough to earn college credit.

In 2019, only 56% scored this well

- These increases were across most of our demographic groups

# Accelerated College Credit Partnerships



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# Accelerated College Credit Partnerships (Dual Credit)

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ORS 340 establishes Oregon state standards for accelerated college credit partnerships:

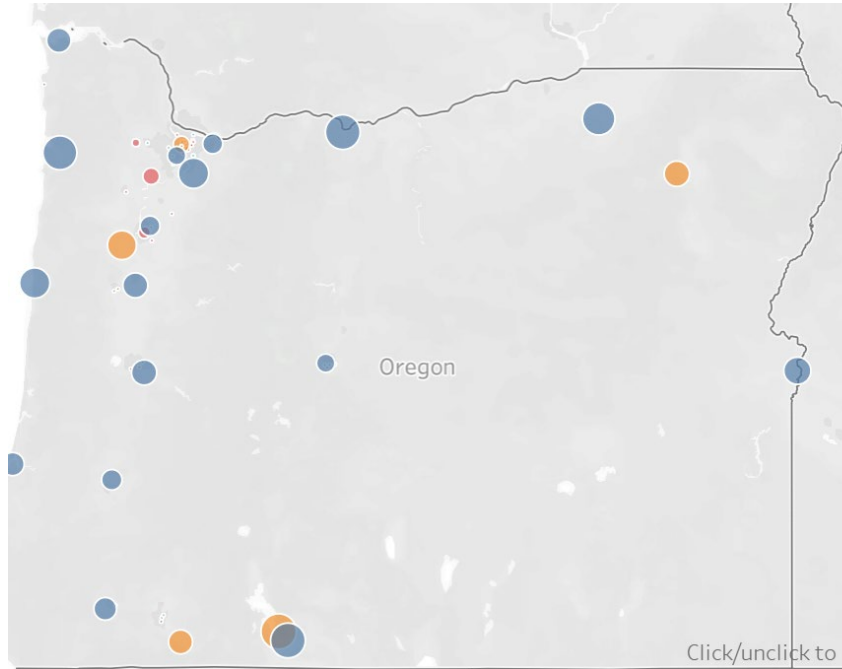
- Partnerships between K12 and Oregon postsecondary institutions that award postsecondary credit to high school students.
- Standards and approval process at the state level.





# Accelerated College Credit Partnership Opportunity Locations

Each dot represents a post-secondary institution that offers accelerated college credit partnership



Click the image or this link to go to the [Community College Research Center data for this map](#)

# Savings for Oregon students and families

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In 2023-24:

- 27,000+ high school students took a class at a community college
- 13,000+ high school students took a class at an Oregon public 4-year college or university

College credit in high school = Savings for students and families



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# Accelerated College Credit in High school partnerships



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**Career and Technical  
Education**

# Career and Technical Education (CTE) Accelerated College Credit Opportunities

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- International Baccalaureate Career-related Program is small but growing, more than doubled the number of students participating in this program from 2022 to 2024.
- Several Oregon districts have been selected to pilot the first Advanced Placement Career Kickstart course, AP Cyber: Security.
- CTE offerings in partnership with Oregon's community colleges are strong in parts of the state but some programs are still recovering from pandemic impacts.

# Opportunities and Impacts



# Increasing opportunity for students

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ODE is enhancing college credit opportunities by:

- Participating in a national policy cohort aimed at reducing opportunity gaps
- Preparing to offer Accelerated College Credit program grants in the 25/27 biennium
- Working in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinating Commissions to support CTE and ensure credits students earn in high school transfer and lead to credentials of value

# Impacts of Accelerated College Credit

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Students who participate in Accelerated College Credit are...

- More likely to graduate from high school
- More likely to enroll in postsecondary education
- More likely to complete that education

## **Cost savings:**

- A 4-credit class can cost from \$375 to over \$1000 at a community college or public university in Oregon. High school students pay \$30 or less.



# Thank you!