OVERVIEW


WHAT’S NEW

During the 2017-2018 program year, Oregon Preschool Promise was able to leverage the funding to maximize economy of scale in the second year of implementation. This enabled the state to serve an additional 100 children. Additionally, there is a possibility of expanding the program for the 2019-2020 program year. Finally, the Oregon Department of Education was awarded a Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five award in 2018 for nearly $4.26 million to accelerate goals within the Governor’s Children’s Agenda and the Oregon Early Learning Council’s recently adopted strategic plan, Raise Up Oregon: A Statewide Early Learning System Plan.

BACKGROUND

Oregon has two state-funded preschool programs: the Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten (OHSP) program, established in 1987, and Preschool Promise launched in 2016. OHSP and Preschool Promise are both overseen by the Oregon Department of Education: Early Learning Division.

OHSP provides comprehensive child and family development services for 3- and 4-year-old children from low-income families through a state-federal partnership between the Oregon Department of Education and Region X Office of Head Start. OHSP is funded using the state general fund to serve additional Head Start-eligible children. Funding is awarded through a competitive process to a variety of organizations not receiving federal Head Start funding, such as public schools, private agencies, community action agencies, government agencies, and colleges and universities. OHSP programs must follow federal Head Start Performance Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes. Eligibility for OHSP also follows federal Head Start requirements.

Preschool Promise is a mixed-delivery program for children from families with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level. Funding for Preschool Promise goes directly to Early Learning Hubs which can subcontract with public schools, child care, Head Start, Relief Nurseries, Education Service Districts, and other community-based organizations. Programs participating in Preschool Promise are required to achieve at least a 4- or 5- star-rating in Spark, Oregon’s quality rating and improvement system or request a limited time waiver while they build capacity.

Both OHSP and Preschool Promise employ two sets of early learning standards: The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, which is currently being aligned with Common Core State Standards for K–12, and the Oregon Early Learning and Kindergarten Guidelines.
OREGON STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 9,477
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............................ 7,218
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .......... 6,196
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4................. 8,048

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................................ $91,524,958
State Head Start spending ............................................ $74,436,226
State spending per child enrolled .......................................... $9,658
All reported spending per child enrolled* ............................. $9,658

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE
3-YEAR-OLD 4-YEAR-OLD
Pre-K 83% 12%
Head Start† 4% 8%
Special Ed†† 5% 5%
Other/None 8% 75%

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

ACCESS RANKINGS 4-YEAR-OLDS 3-YEAR-OLDS
32 13

RESOURCE RANKINGS STATE SPENDING ALL REPORTED SPENDING
4 6

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET 7.5

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† Estimates children in Head Start not also enrolled in state pre-K.
†† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

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OREGON HEAD START PRE-KINDERGARTEN

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 8,048
School districts that offer state program…..100% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement ........................................................... 100% FPL
Minimum hours of operation ....................................... 3.5 hours/day
Operating schedule............................................................. School or academic year

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PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

- 3-YEAR-OLD: 83%
- 4-YEAR-OLD: 17%

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OREGON PRESCHOOL PROMISE

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 1,429
School districts that offer state program.................. 56% (Early Learning
Hub Regions)
Income requirement ........................................................... 200% FPL
Minimum hours of operation................................. 900 hours/program year
Operating schedule.............................................. Determined locally

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State spending per child enrolled........................................... $11,959
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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

- OR PP*: $11,959
- HDST**: $13,705
- K-12***: $13,962

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