OVERVIEW

WHAT’S NEW
In May 2019, Governor Brown signed the Student Success Act, into law, which provides $200 million of annual funding to support the expansion of existing early care and education programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and their families. This increased investment, paired with current programs, should reach approximately 15,000 children (including 2,565 children in Preschool Promise), or 15% of children living in low-income families and approximately 60% of families in poverty, in the coming years. The legislation also includes funds for coaching, coordinated enrollment, and salary enhancements for lead and assistant teachers.

Additionally, the Early Learning Division was awarded a $26.6 million Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five renewal award by the federal Administration for Children and Families to improve and expand programs to serve Oregon children and families. The funds will be distributed over three years (approximately $8.9 million annually) and will be targeted to children from historically underserved populations.

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

OPK 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. OPK 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. OPK programs must follow federal Head Start Performance Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes. Eligibility for OPK 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 (FPL). 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 OPK 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’s overall support for state-funded preschool, including enrollment and funding for both the Pre-Kindergarten program and Preschool Promise, is depicted in the first two pages of this state profile. The third page focuses solely on the Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program and the fourth page provides information on Preschool Promise.
OREGON STATE OVERVIEW

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ..................................................... 9,360
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .............................. 7,579
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .......... 6,937
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4............. 7,829

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................................ $91,917,617
State Head Start spending ............................................ $74,436,226
State spending per child enrolled .......................................... $9,820
All reported spending per child enrolled* ....................... $9,820

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
** Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.
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PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

ACCESS RANKINGS
4-YEAR-OLDS 3-YEAR-OLDS
32 14

RESOURCE RANKINGS
STATE SPENDING ALL REPORTED SPENDING
3 5

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET
7.5

Data are for the 2018-2019 school year, unless otherwise noted.
OREGON PRE-KINDERGARTEN

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ........................................ 7,829
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

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending .................................. $74,436,226
Local match required? ........................................ No
State spending per child enrolled ........................ $9,508
All reported spending per child enrolled* ................ $9,508

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OREGON PRESCHOOL PROMISE

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment ........................................... 1,531
School districts that offer state program .............................. 56% (Early Learning Hub Region)
Income requirement ..................................................... 200% FPL
Minimum hours of operation ............................................. Determined locally
Operating schedule ....................................................... Determined locally

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE

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RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ........................................... $17,481,391
Local match required? .................................................. No
State spending per child enrolled .................................. $11,418
All reported spending per child enrolled* .......................... $11,418

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

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