



"If we want to achieve our educational goals, we have to break down barriers that have been very corrosive to students ability to learn particularly for students in poverty, and students of color. This budget is an opportunity to walk our talk." – Governor Kitzhaber

Governor Kitzhaber's Opportunity and Investment Budget for 2015-2017

The Governor's recommended budget is intended to be about priorities, not programs. The proposed budget aims to make strategic investments to achieve education outcomes instead of passively funding enrollment. Three major commitments underpin the budget: investing in children and families, creating good jobs, and building individual and statewide prosperity.

Budget Strategies

- **Invest in Outcomes:** The budget seeks to move the state from a passive funder of enrollment to an active and strategic funder of student outcomes across the education continuum.
- **Equity:** The budget is rooted in equity. The goals and outcomes within the budget will reduce disparities and increase equity throughout the state.
- **Invest Early:** The budget prioritizes, proactive investments in early learning and literacy building proven to lead to long-term student success in school and life.

Proposed Investment Breakdown by Key Strategy

Pathways from Age 3 to Grade 3:

- *Early Learning*
 - *Early Learning Hubs- \$20 million* to enable Hubs to deliver specified outcomes and allow communities to invest in strategies and supports that reflect their community.
 - *Employment Related Day Care- \$55 million* to help make child care affordable to low-income families by subsidizing much of the cost.
 - *Mixed Delivery Pre-school- \$30 million* to expand preschool access for low-income families and give communities the ability to build the capacity and supply of local providers and align focus on each Early Learning Hub's target underserved populations.
 - *Home Visiting- \$10 million* to create a unified home visiting approach across early learning and health based on needs of child and family, and to increase the number and percent of underserved children who receive home visiting services.
 - *Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation- \$5 million* to stimulate community partnerships that increase kindergarten readiness for underserved children.
 - *Early Intervention/Early Childhood Specialist Education- \$15 million* to create opportunities for increased local coordination of services for children with developmental disabilities or delays and increase the number of children with developmental disabilities served.
- *Early Literacy- \$85 million* to provide a research-based and culturally specific early reading program for schools, partnerships with community-based organizations to provide wrap around support and instruction time.
- *Full Day Kindergarten- \$220 million* to ensure all children have access to full day Kindergarten.



Pathways from High School to Post Secondary Completion:

- *Educator Support and Mentoring*- **\$37.4 million** to provide culturally responsive teaching practices including K-12 mentoring, expansion of school district collaboration and support for low-performing districts.
- *K-12 Formula Changes and Incentives*-**\$119.2 million** to change formulas in CTE, ELL and 9th grade on track to incent improved student outcomes.
- *Pathways to Higher Education*- **\$21 million** to develop high school to postsecondary pathways, including accelerated learning, math alignment and redesign.
- *Higher Education Affordability*-**\$143.3 million** to expand and redesign the Oregon Opportunity Grant, a need-based financial aid program.
- *Higher Education Productivity*-**\$73.3 million**

Pathways from Higher Education and Workforce:

- *Career and Technical (CTE) and STEM Education*- **\$40 million** to revitalize CTE expand STEM Hubs and strategies.
- *High School Equivalency*-**\$2 million**-to increase the number of students early high school completion through the GED.
- *Expanding Employment Opportunities*- **\$15 million** to provide work opportunities for Oregonians aged 16-24 who are experiencing particularly high levels of unemployment.

Additional Proposed Investments that Support Key Strategies

- *Statewide Longitudinal Data System*- **\$12.6 million** for a birth through college and career de-identified data system to measure and report to policy makers the return on the state's strategic investments.
- *Tribal Attendance Pilot Project*- **\$1.5 million** to work with Oregon tribes and community partners to support tribal students through stronger connections between schools, families and tribal communities.
- *Community Leverage Fund*- **\$25 million** to support innovative public/private collaboratives in health, education, workforce and economic development advancing 40/40/20 and other statewide goals.
- *Tell Survey*- **\$250,000** to conduct the Teaching Empowering, Leading and Learning Study with educators across the state.
- *Statewide Literacy Campaign*- **\$250,000** to scale up the stORytime campaign statewide.