Great Service. Even Greater Together.

Working together for the nearly 600,000 students of our state, Oregon’s 19 Education Service Districts are instrumental in building a powerful and equitable system that serves students from birth to age 21.
WE ARE

» A network of ESDs that together serve 197 school districts across the state of Oregon
» Nimble and responsive! We develop and deliver the services and training districts need.

OAESD provides leadership and often fills voids in the service continuum.

Oregon’s ESDs are conveners, collaborators, visionaries and leaders. The OAESD Network, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Education, ensures that every student in Oregon has access to dynamic education programs – no matter where they live. The OAESD Network is flourishing as an innovative, responsive system that builds and delivers cost-effective programs to every corner of the state. The network provides leadership in implementing statewide initiatives and supporting regional ESDs as they respond to local school district needs. OAESD is known for excellence and efficiency.

ESDs respond to the unique and pressing needs of local school districts and communities.

Each school district has different needs, and Oregon’s ESDs offer a broad spectrum of solutions. By fostering collaboration and providing economy of scale in service delivery, ESDs:

1. Ensure an equitable and excellent education for all children in the state.
2. Implement the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century.
3. Support the attainment of high standards of performance by Oregon students.
4. Facilitate inter-organizational coordination among education, social service, health care and employment training agencies.

Since the Oregon Legislature established ESDs, hundreds of unique ESD services have helped students and teachers excel.

United in our goal, the OAESD Network ensures that services are available to all schools and all students.

“Without ESDs, it would be extremely challenging to meet the needs of our most vulnerable student population—those with disabilities. All it takes is a phone call to my ESD when I need something. I don’t even think twice about asking, because they are always willing to put their energy into helping our district.”

Kathleen Rodden-Nord, Superintendent, Junction City School District
From preschool to college and/or career, ESDs are partners in students’ educational journeys every step of the way.

Statewide services supported, implemented and led by ESDs include:

» EARLY INTERVENTION (birth–3) and EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ages 3–5) services for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. Eight ESDs contract with the Oregon Department of Education to offer children and their families support.

» REGIONAL SERVICES. ESDs provide direct services to students aged birth to 21 with low-incidence disabilities such as Hearing, Vision or Orthopedic Impairment, or Autism.

» HOUSE BILL 3499 to improve English Learner education. ESDs work with communities and families to design programs that provide the greatest accountability and growth.

» SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. ESDs provide direct instruction and related services to children and students with special needs, their families and school districts.

» PROMISE REPLICATION GRANTS. ESDs provide opportunities for local schools to enhance career and college readiness. These programs offer college credit for students completing approved high school courses, and provide opportunities to explore career paths while still in high school.

» MEASURE 98 to improve high school graduation rates, college and career readiness. ESDs and school districts are collaborating to ensure funds are set aside for career technical education, dropout prevention and college prep opportunities.

What school districts love about their ESDs:

DIRECT TEACHER SUPPORT
ESD professional development, instructional coaching and mentorship programs help teachers be more effective.

LOCAL SERVICE PLAN FLEXIBILITY
ESDs work with their partner school districts to tailor a Local Service Plan addressing individual district needs.

COLLEGE & CAREER PROGRAMS
Through College Promise, CTE and STEM/STEAM programs students are prepared for higher education and real-world jobs.

DIRECT OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
ESDs support schools by providing access to technology, legal services, human resources and business/administrative expertise.

ESD FUNDING MODEL
The state school fund (SSF) provides the majority of ESD funding, but ESDs also bring millions of additional dollars to Oregon’s education system through state and federal grants and entrepreneurial efforts.
ESDs save constituent districts money by managing functions like payroll and business services. This allows districts to direct their resources to the classroom, where it benefits Oregon’s students most.

Jim Green, Executive Director, Oregon School Boards Association