

## Oregon ESD Orientation

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## What's an ESD?

- Education Service District
- 19 across the state (ORS 334.013)
- 9 defined by county lines-Multnomah, Lane, Douglas, Lake, Clackamas, Wallowa, Harney, Grant, Jefferson

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## Primary Mission of ESDs

*The mission of education service districts is to assist school districts and the Department of Education in achieving Oregon's educational goals by providing equitable, high quality, cost-effective and locally responsive educational services at a regional level*

~ORS 334.005

## History of Regional Services in Oregon

1872-1944



County Unit in charge  
of curriculum, textbooks, facilities, teachers and  
distribution of funds.

### 1945-1962

Rural School Districts:  
(less than 1000 students)



- Equalization of operating costs
- Focus on special education services

### 1963-1976

“intermediate education districts”  
(IEDs)

- Library
- Curriculum materials
- Central purchasing
- Special teachers
- Special education services

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### 1963 – Intermediate Education Districts

- Levying of property taxes returned to local districts
- IED retained previous tax base
- Resolution process established

### 1977

Name changed to “education service districts” (ESDs)

- Significant focus on special education

ESD – Similarities with local school districts

- *Required to have a board of directors*
- *Compliance with public meeting laws*
- *Required to have adopted policies*
- *Required to hire a superintendent*
- *Required to follow Oregon Budget Law*
- *Part of state school fund*

ESD – Differences with local school districts

- *Home School Registration*
- *May provide entrepreneurial services and facilities to public and private entities*
- *Annual report of the performance and the finances of the ESD service for the previous school year*
- *Budget Committee members appointed by local boards*
- *Chair may serve only two years in succession*

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ESD Funding

1997 – Passage of Ballot Measures 47 & 50 converted ESD tax bases to “rates”

2001

- *5 % of State School Fund (SSF) – now 4.5%*
- *Equalization across the state*
- *90 percent of SSF revenue spent on services*

ESD Funding

2016-17

- *Local Revenue - \$118 million*
- *SSF - \$120 million*
- *Average per student per ESD - \$333*

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### 2005 – Local Service Plans

- Children with special needs
- Technology support
- School improvement
- Administrative support

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### 2005 – Local Service Plans

#### Resolution Services

- *Approved by the Boards of two-thirds of local districts with over 50 percent of the students*
- *Approval by March 1*
- *90% of general fund (property taxes and state school fund) must go to Resolution Services*

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### 2013 – ORS 334.015

- Local Districts may withdraw ("opt-out") from their ESD with enrollment-based revenue (state school fund) paid to the districts.
- Requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the school district board.
- The school districts no longer be part of the ESD or receive ESD services unless provided for by contract.
- Such districts would no longer be part of the local service plan approval process.

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### 2015 – The "New Regionalism"

- Oregon Promise
- Regional Achievement Collaboratives
- Early Learning "Hubs"
- STEM "Hubs"

Use of "collective impact" model to collaborate on common purpose, vision, assessment, activities and communication across sectors.