



Creating a Sustainable Proficiency-based Learning Environment

Principal Stories from the State Grant

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What You Need to Know

Grant Overview and Site Information

The Voice of the Demonstration Site Schools

Grant Benefits for You

Proficiency Resources

Grant Overview / Site Information

Site	Focus
Madison MS (Eugene SD)	English/ LA and Math
Madras HS (Jefferson Co SD)	Comprehensive reform
Sunset School gr 4-7 (Coos Bay SD)	English/ LA and Math
Talmadge MS (Central SD)	English/ LA and Math
InterMountain ESD	
South Coast ESD	
Southern Oregon ESD	

Grant Goals

- Clear and usable definition and practices that are student-centered and good for kids
- Assessments designed to standards and protocols to use the results effectively
- Strengthen use of student voice and choice through a solid assessment system
- Classroom interventions help each student reach proficiency in the selected standards.
- System where students assess when they are ready
- System where students advance upon mastery

What Can We Learn?

- **Teacher and student surveys; focus groups**
- **School profile includes: behavioral referrals, number of students taking Algebra I, number of failing students**
- **What proficiency practices are critical for improving student achievement?**
- **What elements of a student-centered learning environment are important for student buy-in?**

The Voice of the Schools

Scott Marsh, Principal, Madison MS

Sarah Braman-Smith, Principal, Madras HS

Dale Inskeep, Principal, Sunset School

Kristina Wonderly, Assistant Principal, Talmadge MS

- ? Why do you think proficiency is good for your students?
- ? How does your leadership help contribute to the strategic decisions that support proficiency?
- ? Share strategies you are using with stakeholder groups to make sure your parents, businesses and the community are informed and on board.
- ? Other key observations? Audience questions?

Benefits to Non-Grant Schools

- Attendance at demonstration site trainings; schools cover subs
- Open enrollment workshops at reduced costs
- Personalized workshops in regional ESD partner areas at reduced costs
- Demonstration sites – Visitation dates, workshop presentations, teacher-developed material posted on BEC portal, etc.

Benefits to Non-Grant Schools

Continued . . .

- Updated portal available soon
- Proficiency resources website
- Grant website with training material available for schools to access and use

Resources

[Proficiency Resources website](#)

It's About Time—A Framework for Proficiency-based Teaching & Learning

Folders of resources to support district/school needs located in box.com

Document portal—coming later this fall

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