

## **Post-Graduate Scholar Program**

The Corvallis School District will provide a Post-Graduate Scholar Program for students in the district. A “post-graduate scholar” means a student who has been in grades 9 through 12 for more than a total of four school years and has satisfied the requirements for a high school diploma as provided in ORS 329.451.

The district’s program allows post-graduate scholars to:

1. Enroll in any course listed in the Linn Benton Community College course catalog that may lead to a certificate or diploma;
2. Enroll in such courses for one school year after the post-graduate scholar has satisfied the requirements for a high school diploma; and
3. Have the district pay the costs for such approved course of study, including tuition, fees, and books.

The district will provide transportation service in existing bus routes to post-graduate scholars.

### **Program Qualifications**

Under Oregon law, a post-graduate scholar qualifies to participate in the program if the post-graduate scholar:

1. Has completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, if eligible to file the application;
2. Is not eligible for a grant under the Oregon Promise Program, either because of failure to earn the minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA), or having submitted a complete application for a grant under the Oregon Promise program by the established deadline and not receiving a grant;
3. Is not eligible for a federal aid grant that is equal to or more than the average cost of tuition and fees at a community college, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education after consultation with the Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion; and
4. Retains a legal residence within the boundaries of the district through which the post-graduate scholar satisfied the requirements for a high school diploma.

The Corvallis School District establishes the following additional program qualifications. The post-graduate scholar:

1. Has a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 1.5; and

2. Must meet in person with district staff at least twice each month to monitor the student's progress.

### **Program Goals**

The goals of the program include:

1. Increasing the high school graduation rate for students who qualify for the post graduate scholar program.
2. Increasing the percent of students from the district attending a postsecondary education institution.

The district will monitor program information at the end of each grading term and measure results at the end of each year.

### **Other Program Elements**

1. The district will enter into a written agreement with Linn Benton Community College.
2. The district will provide dedicated staff to provide support services to post-graduate scholars, including regular in-person meetings that occur at least twice each month to monitor student progress.
3. The district will ensure that a majority of the students from the district who are enrolled in courses at a community college meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - a. Is not a post-graduate scholar;
  - b. Has received a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;
  - c. Was enrolled in an alternative high school program within the preceding 12 months;
  - d. Is, or will be, a first-generational graduate of high schools;
  - e. Is, or has been, a child in a foster home;
  - f. Is, or has been, placed in a facility or an education program by a court;
  - g. Is homeless;
  - h. Is a parent; or
  - i. Was identified as eligible for free or reduced price lunches within the preceding 12 months.

The district may receive or expend moneys distributed from the State School fund for post-graduate scholars who enroll in courses at a community college, only if the post-graduate scholars are enrolled in the courses as part of a program established under the applicable Oregon law.

The post-graduate scholar will not be required to and may not accept or use any federal grant moneys to offset costs of tuition, fees, or books incurred by the post-graduate scholar at the community college.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 327.006 to -327.133](#)  
[ORS 329.451](#)

[ORS 332.405](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 811.210](#)  
[ORS 811.215](#)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6315, 7912.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver, July 18, 2012.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2005).