

Lowell School District 71

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Oregon 21st Century Schools Program

The Board supports the real and fundamental changes that are fostered by the “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program.”

The “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program,” is a program that encourages the restructuring of school operations by allowing teachers, administrators, other school personnel and the public working together to modify or waive, or both, certain statutes, rules and local policies and collective bargaining agreements in order to promote greater flexibility in the way schools are organized, managed and financed. In exchange for such flexibility, standards of student learning and other educational performance shall be established. Clear and measurable accountability shall be provided.

To be eligible for the “Oregon 21st Century Schools Program,” the Board is responsible for submitting the application.

Further responsibilities of the Board include obtaining a letter of support from the Board and the exclusive representative of teachers in the buildings affected if a waiver of a mandatory collective bargaining obligation or any right as specified by law is required.

Amendments must also be accompanied by a statement of support from the Board, exclusive representative of teachers, if applicable, and each building site committee involved in the project.

At least one Board member to be chosen by the Board shall serve on the district planning committee if one is established.

Approval of the Board, exclusive representative of teachers, if applicable, and building site committee is required to terminate the district’s application.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 342.553](#)
[ORS 243.782](#)
[ORS 342.513](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)
[ORS 342.608](#)
[ORS 342.610](#)
[ORS 342.613](#)

[ORS 342.650](#)
[OAR 581-020-0105](#)
[OAR 581-020-0115](#)