

# College Credit in the High School

Oregon Revised Statute 340



## Earning College Credit in the High School (Accelerated Learning)

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 340 is the law that governs the ways Oregon students earn college credit while in high school, which are sometimes called Accelerated Learning. All students should have access to a variety of college-credit granting opportunities. **ORS 340 aims to expand program options available to all Oregon students, and to increase access to these programs for historically underserved students.**

## Rulemaking for Oregon Revised Statute 340

During the 2023 Legislative Session, Oregon Revised Statute 340 was revised (HB 2275) to eliminate redundancy and clarify expectations for college credit in the high school programs. No new requirements were added.

The rulemaking process requires ODE to draft rules for presentation to the State Board of Education for each of the three sections of ORS 340: 1) the Expanded Options Program, which allows students to directly enroll in college courses while still enrolled in their local high school, 2) Accelerated College Credit Programs, which directs schools to provide accelerated college credit program, and outlines supports available from ODE, and 3) Grant Programs, which identifies specific grant programs that may be offered to support college credit in the high school.

Section of ORS 340	Expanded Options	Accelerated College Credit Programs	Grant Programs
Description	Allows students to directly enroll in college courses while still enrolled in their local high school.	Directs schools to provide accelerated college credit program, and outlines supports available.	Identifies specific grant programs that may be offered to support College Credit in the High School Programs
Areas for rulemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student eligibility and notification</li><li>• Prioritization of underserved groups</li><li>• Credit cap</li><li>• Waiver Process</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum course offerings per high school</li><li>• ODE notification and support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AP/IB Test Fee Program</li><li>• Instructor Grant</li><li>• Partnership Startup Grant</li><li>• Partnership Enhancement Grant</li></ul>

Beginning in Spring of 2024 and continuing through winter of 2025, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) will review and draft updates to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) that govern earning college credit in high school. This process will involve both the revision of existing OARs and the creation of others, alongside an ongoing engagement with practitioners in both K12 and postsecondary schools.

## Timeline for Implementation

ODE will take the following key steps to draft OARs that support districts to offer college credit granting programs and to increase access to these programs for students.

### Spring 2024

- Facilitate initial engagement & listening sessions

### Fall 2024

- Begin to draft rules and continue engagement

### Winter 2025

- Engage in rule-making process before the State Board of Education (SBE)

### Spring 2025

- Communicate to school districts about implementation and grants available

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