

## **Support for Small/Rural Districts**

### **581-018-0327**

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply to 581-018-0327 to 581-018-0336

- (1) “Common Core State Standards (CCSS)” means a coherent progression of learning expectations in English language arts and mathematics designed to prepare K–12 students for college and career success. CCSS were adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education in 2010.
- (2) “Educator Effectiveness” means expectations for educators defined by the Core Teaching Standards established in Senate Bill 290 to improve student academic growth. Teacher effectiveness is defined by the Model Core Teaching Standards and administrator effectiveness is defined by the Oregon Educational Leadership/Administrator Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.
- (3) “Network” means the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning established by ORS 342.950.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 342.950

Stats. Implemented: ORS 342.950

### **581-018-0330**

#### **Purpose and Eligibility**

- (1) The Oregon Department of Education shall establish a noncompetitive grant to support small/rural districts in implementing the Common Core State Standards and improving Educator Effectiveness.
- (2) The Department shall determine eligible school districts for the grant based whether the district meets both the size and rural designation criteria.
- (3) The Oregon Department of Education shall determine each biennium when the Small/Rural Grant Funds are available and which school districts are eligible to receive funds. The Department shall notify eligible districts of the application process and the due dates, and make available necessary guidelines and application forms.
- (4) The Department shall distribute funds to eligible districts based on the following rural and size designation:
  - (a) Rural Designation
    - (A) “County Designation” means a county designated by the US Census Bureau as either Rural, Micropolitan or Metropolitan.
    - (B) “Rural” means a district designated by the US Census Bureau as being located outside of an city or its urban fringe area for statistical purposes.
    - (C) “District Designation” means the label assigned to the district depending the county it is located in where it is defined as Rural (e.g. Micropolitan county-rural).
  - (b) Size Designation
    - (A) “Very Small District” means a district whose ADMr is 1-499.
    - (B) “Small District” means a district whose ADMr is 500-1,000.
    - (C) “Mid-Size District” means a district whose ADMr is 1,001-2,200.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 342.950

Stats. Implemented: ORS 342.950

**581-018-0333****Funding**

The Department of Education shall determine the amount of funds available to an eligible district based on the district's size and rural county designation.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 342.950

Stats. Implemented: ORS 342.950

**581-018-0336****Reporting**

(1) Districts shall meet timelines, performance measures and other requirements related to the accumulation and evaluation of data collected as required by the Oregon Investment Board and the Oregon Department of Education.

(2) Districts shall submit interim and final grant reports describing progress toward grant requirements and goals as defined by the Department of Education.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 342.950

Stats. Implemented: ORS 342.950