

CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

\$12 million invested



What is this initiative?

This project will **connect students and families with career-related and work-based learning experiences** and will build the much-needed infrastructure for counselors, teachers, students, and families to start career development early.



statewide with web-based tools. These tools are designed to be free and open access or are part of a pilot to support student learning affected by the pandemic.

» **Educators and counselors will have resources for career development in multiple languages starting in elementary with a special focus on middle school, which research has indicated is a highly effective age to integrate these concepts.**

These tools include:

Oregon's Career Connected Learning Resource Hub, the Career Journey Videos website showcasing younger Oregonians' careers, and the Oregon Essential Employability Skills curriculum. These resources are designed to serve students, families, and educators and help to better connect with business and industry partners.

Benefits

Career Connected Learning equips all students to adapt to the ever-changing job market through increased awareness of high-wage/in-demand careers, occupational identity, and personal networks. By setting achievable goals, making career plans, and having access to hands-on experiences, students will be set up for success after high school and in life. This will transform learner experiences and enhance their future prospects, build social capital, empower their communities, and ensure equity in an inclusive, sustainable, and innovation-based economy.

Goals

Career Connected Learning Navigators A Career Connected Learning Navigator at each community college will **foster connections among students, families, industry and schools**; a Tribal Liaison will link native and indigenous students with career-connected learning.

» **This investment opens access to career information and planning tools to middle and high school students**



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Use of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds in Oregon

Since 2020, Oregon has received \$1.62 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds to support the needs of all students, with a focus on historically excluded communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The state has allocated 90 percent of its allotment to school districts to spend based on their community's unique needs. ODE has distributed the other 9.5% (0.5% used for Administrative costs) to support 12 equity-driven initiatives designed to address unfinished learning, support our students' and staff's health, safety, and mental wellness, and strengthen high-quality, culturally-sustaining instruction and leadership. These initiatives are designed for all students and are specifically centered on equitably serving Oregon's Black, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Tribal students, students with disabilities, students who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+; emerging bilingual; and those navigating foster care, houselessness, and poverty, and those with limited access to resources due to rural location.