



## ODE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The goal of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is to provide a consistent platform for youth voices to inform important educational initiatives. As a member of this next class of youth leaders, YAC members will:

- Work with the Oregon Department of Education to provide youth voice and input in policy making.
- Connect with other youth and student leaders from across the state.
- Lead the development and evaluation of current youth leadership and engagement programs.
- Provide updates to the Governor and legislative teams on the council's work.

### Position Details

- **Application:** [Visit our website](#) to submit your application through Workday.
- **Application Deadline:** May 31
- **Eligibility:** Youth ages 14-18
  - All youth are encouraged to apply. At this time, we have confirmed member seats available within these [education service districts \(ESDs\)](#)
    - Clackamas
    - Columbia Gorge
    - Douglas
    - Harney
    - High Desert
    - Intermountain
    - Jefferson
    - Lake
    - Linn Benton Lincoln
    - Malheur
    - Multnomah
    - NW Regional
    - Region 18 Willows
- **Length of Service:** YAC members are eligible to serve two, one-year terms
- **Meetings & Compensation:** The YAC holds monthly virtual meetings in the evenings. Based on current state rules, all members would be entitled to a per diem of up to \$151/day for monthly council work.

### Contact

Please send all questions to Youth Advisory Council Coordinator Amy Hodge at [amy.hodge@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:amy.hodge@ode.oregon.gov). [Visit our website](#) or [sign up for our listserv](#) for announcements of upcoming meetings.

# State Board of Education & Ongoing Rules Community Advisory



The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon State Board of Education (SBE) are looking for students enrolled in a public high school in the State of Oregon to participate in Oregon's K-12 administrative rulemaking processes as either a Student Member of ODE's Ongoing Rules Community Advisory (ORCA) or a Student Advisor to the [State Board of Education \(SBE\)](#). Both of these opportunities allow students to learn more about [Oregon Administrative Rules](#) (OARs) and inform education policy for Oregon's K-12 public schools.

## Position Details

- **Application:** To apply for either of these opportunities, please visit our [2026-27 combined application form](#)
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, June 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- **Eligibility:** Students enrolled in a public high school in Oregon during the 2026-27 school year that are:
  - Interested in learning about OARs and how they affect Oregon's schools;
  - Willing to engage in discussions with both youth and adults; and
  - Able to recognize and elevate the unique experiences of Oregon's diverse student population.
- **Number of Student Positions:**
  - Up to three SBE Student Advisors
  - Up to five ORCA Student Members
- **Length of Service:** 1-year term
- **Meetings & Compensation:** Both of these groups meet monthly. ORCA meetings are virtual, and stable internet access is recommended. SBE meetings may be in-person and require travel to Salem. Certain travel-related costs may be reimbursed.

## Contact

For more information, contact [Haedon Brunelle](#), ODE Rules Coordinator. To learn more about application qualifications, the SBE, and the ORCA, [please visit our bulletin](#) before applying.

# Career & Technical Education (CTE) Student Advisory Council



Are you passionate about career and technical education (CTE)? Want to make real change in your school and across the state? The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) are looking for high school and community college students to join the [CTE Student Advisory Council](#)! As a member, you'll:

- Share your ideas directly with CTE leaders across Oregon
- Help ensure decisions are fair and inclusive for all students
- Gain leadership experience and build a powerful network
- Collaborate with state education officials and other student leaders to give input on important statewide initiatives
- Play a key role in shaping Oregon's State CTE Plan

## Position Details

- **Application:** [2026-2027 Application Form - CTE Student Advisory Council](#)
- **Deadline:** May 1, 2026
- **Eligibility:** Youth ages 14-28, enrolled in high school, community college, recently graduated, or out of school youth are also encouraged to apply

## Contact

Questions or comments can be directed to [Malinda Shell](#) (ODE) or [Eric Juenemann](#) (HECC). Please help us spread the word by [sharing the above information and/or this FLYER](#).

# Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Student Success Advisory Group

The [Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander \(NHPI\) Student Success](#) (NHPI) Advisory Group is seeking applicants to join this important work. The group advises the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on education matters affecting NHPI students and families in order to address systemic inequities experienced by NHPI students, through focused investments and community partnerships that align with the [NHPI Student Success Plan](#).

## Position Details

- **Application:** [Smartsheet application form](#)
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, May 1, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- **Applicant Eligibility:** *High school & college age youth are encouraged to apply*
  - According to [ORS 329.849](#), the NHPI advisory group must include:
    - Individuals who identify as NHPI; students who identify as NHPI; representatives of community-based organizations that serve NHPI communities; or education stakeholders, including representatives of the Department of Early Learning and Care, the Youth Development Division, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
- **Meetings:** Monthly 2-hour meetings (Zoom) on a Thursday between September and June, from 11 AM to 1 PM PST; One in-person all day retreat in Salem, Fall 2026 TBD, and One in-person ½ day workshop in early Spring TBD.
- **Length of Service:** 2-year term with the option to continue for up to 4 years total

## Contact

If you are not ready to apply and want to stay in touch with the NHPI SSP work, consider [subscribing to the NHPI listserv](#) to receive updates, or send any questions by email or text to the NHPI SSP coordinator at [ode.nhpi@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:ode.nhpi@ode.oregon.gov) or 971-208-0297.



# African American/Black Student Success Advisory Committee



The African American/Black (AAB) Student Success Advisory Committee (Group) advises ODE on education matters affecting AAB students and families, in order to address systemic inequities experienced by AAB students, through focused investments and community partnerships that align with the [AAB Student Success Plan](#).

The role of the advisory group is to advise the department regarding the AAB Student Success Plan, grant program, and related Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). Additionally, the department will be considering other intersectional identities, roles of applicants, and regional representation to ensure equitable and diverse representation of AAB communities in the Advisory Group.

## Position Details

- **Application:** [Smartsheet application form](#)
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, May 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- **Applicant Eligibility:** High school and college age youth are encouraged to apply
  - According to ORS 329.841 the Department shall form an Advisory Group consisting of individuals representing: community members; education partners; and including representatives of the Department of Early Learning and Care, Youth Development Oregon, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
- **Meetings:** Monthly 2-hour meetings (Zoom) from September to June, on the second Wednesday of the month, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM PST; One in-person all day retreat in Salem, Fall 2026 TBD
- **Length of Service:** 2-year term with the option to continue for up to 4 years total

## Contact

Reach out to the AAB Student Success Coordinator at [ODE.AABSS@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:ODE.AABSS@ode.oregon.gov) with any questions regarding the Advisory Group application process.

# LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Advisory Group

The LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Advisory Group shares feedback and provides guidance the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) relies on in order to implement the [LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan](#) and grant program. Through Advisory Group members, ODE is able to uplift community needs, share resources, and invite thought partnerships from all across Oregon.



## Position Details

- **Application:** [Smartsheet application form](#)
- **Application Deadline:** Tuesday June 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM
- **Applicant Eligibility:** High school and college age youth encouraged to apply
  - According to ORS 329.847, the advisory group must include “Students who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+”
  - Every school type and educational environment is encouraged to apply
- **Meetings:** Monthly 2-hour meetings (Zoom) on Tuesdays between September and June, alternating between 1:00 to 3:00 PM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM PST; one in-person all day retreat in Salem, Fall 2026 TBD
- **Length of Service:** 1-year term with option to continue up to 4 years total

## Contact

Not ready to apply to the group but want to get involved with the LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success program in other ways? Please [subscribe to our listserv](#) to receive our [newsletter](#), fill out our [advisory group interest form](#), or send any questions by email or text to the LGBTQ2SIA+ SSP coordinator at [LGBTQ2SIA.success@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:LGBTQ2SIA.success@ode.oregon.gov) or 503-931-9118.

*Section Image: LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Advisory Group, October 2025.*

## Additional Youth Leadership Opportunities

In addition to the wonderful opportunities listed above, we will have more youth leadership opportunities opening up in the 2026-27 academic year! Specifically, watch your inbox when we launch applications for the:

- [Latinx Student Success Plan Advisory Group](#)
- [Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Advisory Group](#)