

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUMMARY**

**Title/OAR #:** Temporary Rule: Regional Promise Replication Grant Programs, OAR 581-017-0350 to 581-017-0362

**Date:** September 17, 2015

**Staff/Office:** Jennell Ives, ISAA

New Rule    Amend Existing Rule    Repeal Rule

**Hearing Date:** N/A   **Hearings Officer Report Attached**

**Prompted by:**  State law changes    Federal law changes    Other

**Action Requested:**

First Reading/Second Reading    Adoption    Adoption/Consent Agenda

**PROPOSED/AMENDED RULE SUMMARY:**

The proposed temporary rules implement the provisions of Senate Bill 217 which amended laws relating to the strategic initiatives including the Eastern Promise Replication Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2013, HB 3232 established strategic investments in three areas:

- Oregon Early Reading Program
- Guidance and Support for Post-Secondary Aspirations Program
- Connecting to the World of Work Program

The 2015 legislature adopted SB 217 which amended the former Eastern Promise Replication Grant provisions to provide more flexibility to the Department of Education for administration of the grant. The legislation and Department budget also provided that the grant was intended for Regional Promise Grants and no longer to specifically fund the Eastern Promise.

The Regional Promise Grant of 2015-2017 is intended for the development and/or expansion of consortia of education service districts, school districts and post-secondary institutions building collaborative, innovative, and flexible ways to foster a college-going culture across the region and to create additional opportunities for high school students to participate and earn credit in college-level courses. Each consortium will plan to serve either at least 10,000 students **or** 50% or more of 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students in school districts participating in the grant.

The rule amendments do the following:

- Change name of Eastern Promise Replication grant to Regional Promise Program Grant;
- Change membership of consortia to be less prescriptive – still requires an ESD, at least 3 school districts, and a post-secondary institution of higher education;
- Gives competitive priority to consortia that include both a local community college and a 4-year university;
- Change achievement gap to opportunity gap to better describe the problem that the grant addresses; adds language to focus on the goal of increasing the number of historically underserved students participating in accelerated college credit courses;
- Change implementation of grant funding to align with the 5 components of the Regional Promise Programs (moving away from the Eastern Promise language);
- Includes acknowledgement of previously funded programs and priority for continuing their funding.

The rules are being adopted as temporary rules so that the program funds can be administered and awarded in September and October, 2015.

**ISSUES/CONCERNS THAT SURFACED DURING RULE WORK:**

No anticipated issues with the changes. There may be concern that there is no longer a requirement for both a community college and a public university. This concern is being addressed by giving competitive priority to consortia that include both a local community college and a public university.

**CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING?**

- N/A; first read—hasn't been before board
- No; same as last month
- Yes - As follows:

**Fiscal Impact:**

None anticipated for the Department or grant recipients.

**EFFECT OF YES VOTE:**

The request for applications will be released. It will allow consortia to plan activities knowing that funding will be in place before the beginning of next year.

**EFFECT OF NO VOTE:**

The request for applications would be delayed. Continuation grants would have difficulty continuing funding and new projects may not be able to get off the ground until late spring summer of 2016.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

- Adopt administrative rule at this meeting
- Adopt next month administrative rule at next meeting
- No recommendation at this time (rarely used)

## Regional Promise Program Grant

581-017-0350

### Definitions

The following definitions apply to OAR 581-017-0350 to 581-017-0362:

(1) “Consortium” means the equal partnership developed to form the cross-sector collaboration between eligible educational institutions.

(2) “Opportunity Gap” means the gap in opportunities that often exists between students who are economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, students learning English as a second language, African American, Hispanic or Native American when compared to their peers who do not share these characteristics. This can often lead to a gap in achievement (state test scores in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as diploma and post-secondary degree attainment).

(3) “Postsecondary Institution” means:

(a) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or,

(b) The following public universities:

(A) University of Oregon

(B) Oregon State University

(C) Portland State University

(D) Oregon Institute of Technology

(E) Western Oregon University

(F) Southern Oregon University

(G) Eastern Oregon University

(H) Oregon Health and Science University

(c) An Oregon-based accredited not-for-profit institution of higher education

~~(2) “Proximity” means the four-year institution participating in the program will have a branch campus located within 150 miles of their community college partners’ regional borders.~~

(4) “Private post-secondary institution” means” an Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education.

~~(4) “Public post-secondary institution” means:~~

~~(a) The following public universities within the Oregon University System:~~

~~(A) University of Oregon.~~

~~(B) Oregon State University.~~

~~(C) Portland State University.~~

~~(D) Oregon Institute of Technology.~~

~~(E) Western Oregon University.~~

~~(F) Southern Oregon University.~~

~~(G) Eastern Oregon University.~~

(b) Oregon Health and Science University.

(5) “Significant population” means to serve the majority of underserved students within the consortiums region.

(6) “Underserved student” means a student (English language learner, student of color, an economically disadvantaged student or a student with disabilities) who has not historically taken high school accelerated courses and may not have considered enrolling in a post-secondary education program.

(7) “Variety” means students having access to a choice of courses offered in core academic subjects, in different forums (which include yet are not limited to distance learning, high school campus, college campus, by proficiency assessment or through credit for prior learning), that are eligible for transfer.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 327.800

Stat. Implemented: ORS 327.820

Hist.: ODE 3-2014(Temp), f. & cert. ef. 2-19-14 thru 8-17-14; ODE 29-2014, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-14

**581-017-0353**

### **Regional ~~Eastern~~ Promise ~~Replication~~ Grant Program Establishment**

(1) The ~~Eastern~~ Regional Promise ~~Replication~~ Grant is established as part of the Connecting the World to Work Program Strategic Investment under ORS 327.820.

(2) The purposes of the grant are to:

(a) Connect students to the World of Work and post-secondary education/training opportunities;

(b) Develop consortiums of school districts, education service districts and post-secondary institutions of higher education committed to developing innovative and flexible pathways for students in grades 6 through 12 and in community colleges; and

(c) Distribute moneys to ~~consortiums-consortia~~ that include at least three school districts, at least one education service district, ~~at least one community college~~ and at least one public ~~or private~~ post-secondary institution of higher education to design and deliver individualized, innovative and flexible ways of delivering content, awarding high school and college credit, and increasing the number of historically underserved students participating in accelerated college credit courses. ~~and providing development education for students in high school or in the first two years of post-secondary education.~~

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## 581-017-0356

### Eligibility

The Department of Education shall allocate funds for the Eastern-Regional Promise Replication Program grant to consortia ~~ums~~ that consist of at least three school districts, at least one education service district, ~~at least one community college~~ and at least one public ~~or private~~ post-secondary institution.

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Stat. Implemented: ORS 327.820

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## 581-017-0359

### Implementation of Grant Funding

(1) The Department of Education will make awards between \$~~300465~~,000 and \$~~75650~~,000 (adjusted by justifiable need) ~~for use during the 2014–2015 school year~~ for replication of the Eastern Promise program.

(2) The Oregon Department of Education shall establish a request for proposal solicitation and approval process to be conducted for the Eastern-Regional Promise Replication program funds. All proposals will comply with the requirements of ORS 327.800 and 327.820(3)(a)(D) and rules adopted to implement those sections.

(3) Awards will be based on the following criteria:

(a) Whether the proposal identifies how the funds will be used to reach the 40-40-20 goal by using a regional approach and strengthening relationships and aligning outcomes and expectations across education sectors to implement the 5 main components of the Regional Promise Program (based on the 5 pillars of Eastern Promise).  
~~r eplicating the core pillars of Eastern Promise early college experiences and Professional Learning Communities.~~

(b) Whether the applicant proposal demonstrates support, commitment and readiness to design or revise programming specifically targeted at closing equity opportunity gaps.

~~(b) Whether the applicant proposal demonstrates support, commitment and readiness to design or revise programming specifically for offering early college experiences and developing Professional Learning Communities.~~

(c) Whether there is a commitment to cross-sector collaboration between education service district(s), school districts, and post-secondary institutions of higher education.

~~(c) Whether there is a commitment to cross-sector collaboration between a university, community college(s), education service district(s), and districts where each partner is engaged as an equal partner.~~

(d) Whether there is a commitment and capacity to ~~providing-provide~~ students with a variety of accelerated learning opportunities, such as on-campus experiences, dual credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and to ensuring students receive support and specific instruction around the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in college-level coursework.

(e) Whether there is a commitment ~~to~~ and capacity to ~~developing~~ cross-sector professional learning, including faculty and teachers from ~~the university, community post-secondary college institution~~ and ESD/high schools of like disciplines. The consortium will ensure that all levels of instruction are represented and participate in discussing and establishing the appropriate curriculum, instruction, and and in developing appropriate and parallel ~~shared~~ assessment ~~parameters~~ to measure outcomes.

(f) Whether there is a commitment and capacity to ~~foster~~building a college-going culture, which refers to the environment, attitudes, and practices in schools and communities that encourage students and their families to obtain the information, tools, and perspective to enhance access to and success in postsecondary education. The applicant should describe a plan for one or more, programs servicing students, beginning in middle grades, that:

(A) Helps students learn about options for their future, careers and the education they require;

(B) Convey the expectation that all students can prepare for the opportunity to attend and be successful in post-secondary education; and

(C) Ensure schools, families, and communities give students the same message of high expectations for their future.

(4) The Department shall give priority to proposals that meet the minimum criteria and:

(a) ~~P~~ Previously funded projects that will use the grant to ensure sustainability of the program.

(b) The extent to which the applicant clearly documents its capacity to implement and carry out programming ~~to replicate pillars of the Eastern Promise program.~~

(5) The Department of Education shall allocate funds for the grant program based on the evaluation of the grant application and the following considerations:

(a) Programs representing the five main components of the ~~core pillars of the Eastern~~ Regional Promise Early College Experience Program.

(b) Competitive priority will be given to applications that include both a local community college and a 4-year university in their consortium.

~~(b)~~ Programs that exhibit innovative and flexible ways of delivering content, awarding high school and college credit and providing development education for students in high school or in the first two years of post-secondary education.

~~(e)~~ The number of students the ~~Early College Experience~~ Regional Promise Program ~~program~~ will serve.

~~(e)~~ Programs with a detailed process to identify, enroll, support and retain underserved students.

(ef) Programs that have a high level of underserved students who historically have not taken college credit in high school, ~~accelerated courses~~.

(fg) Geographic locations of the program organization to ensure geographic representation of the targeted student groups are included throughout the state.

~~(6) Each award may be between \$465300,000 and \$650750,000, which shall be given during the following phases based on a detailed budget narrative and budget template:~~

~~(a) Planning and Implementation phase~~

~~(b) Evaluation phase.~~

(7) Grant recipients shall use funds received for the planning, implementation, and evaluation ~~phases~~ of the grant for activities outlined in the request for proposal.

~~(8) Grant recipients must be able to expend the funds for allowable purposes specified in the request for proposal within the grant timeline according to acceptable accounting procedures, by June 30, 2017.5. Under certain circumstances, ODE can approve use of funds until September 30, 2017.~~

(9) Grant recipients will document and account for each student participating in, enrolled in, and completing accelerated college courses supported by the grant before the final distribution of grant funds.

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**581-017-0362**

### **Timelines and Performance Measures**

The Eastern Regional Promise program shall provide award recipients a template for an interim, legislative, and final grant report. Recipients are required to submit the ~~interim and final~~ all reports and teacher and student data report prior to ~~receive~~ their final request for funds.

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