



# Key Messages

## Education Accountability Act (2025)



### A Shared Opportunity and Responsibility

- Oregon has so many incredible students and dedicated educators who work hard every day to make students' lives better. Across the state, there are powerful stories of success—but we know that overall student outcomes are not where they need to be.
- Governor Kotek has set out a bold vision for improving student outcomes through increased accountability, from the Capitol to the classroom. We have both an opportunity and a responsibility to work together to make that vision real.
- Each and every Oregon student deserves a rich educational experience where they are supported to learn, grow, and thrive. To achieve that, we must break out of old patterns, think in new ways, and act collectively.

### Leading Together for Oregon's Students

- Oregon's future depends on strong public schools, and we are stepping up to lead, support, and partner in this next chapter for education.
- The 2025 Education Accountability Act (SB 141) gives us the framework to build a stronger, more coherent system—one that balances accountability with meaningful support for every district and every student.
- This is not a one-agency effort. It's a shared responsibility among the state, school districts, ESDs, Tribes, families, educators, and communities to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

### What We're Doing to Improve

- **Focusing on What Matters Most:** We're aligning Oregon's education system around the skills and supports students need most: early literacy, math readiness, attendance, belonging, and postsecondary success.

- **Streamlining and Simplifying:** We're reducing administrative burden by aligning grants, reports, and improvement plans so that schools and educators can spend more time teaching and supporting students.
- **Strengthening Support for Districts:** We're expanding our continuum of supports by building Regional Support Teams and ensuring every district has access to high-quality coaching, professional learning, and tools tailored to their local needs. These teams will partner with districts to track progress, respond proactively, and deliver targeted technical assistance and interventions when needed.
- **Using Better, More Timely Data:** New statewide metrics and interim assessments will help educators and leaders understand what's working (and where to focus improvement) throughout the year.
- **Fostering Shared Accountability:** Every district will set clear goals for student improvement, with milestones that trigger state support and partnership when progress stalls.
- **Centering Equity:** We're ensuring all decisions are guided by data that highlight and address disparities for students who have been historically underserved.

### **An Action Plan for Change and Accountability**

- To drive progress, ODE developed an [Action Plan](#), which was submitted to the Governor and Legislature in June 2025.
- The plan lays out specific outcomes, deliverables, and key milestones that will guide implementation and allow for transparent tracking of results.
- Importantly, as part of shared responsibility, ODE itself is being held accountable for making operational improvements to create a more cohesive and efficient agency that supports school districts and educators statewide.

### **Our Vision for the Future**

- The Education Accountability Act is about building momentum for long-term improvement, not short-term fixes.

- As we implement this new system, we'll continue to listen, learn, and adapt in partnership with districts, educators, and families.
- Together, we're creating a statewide culture of continuous improvement, transparency, and shared purpose, where every Oregon student has the support and opportunity to succeed.