





## STEAM and Summer Learning



## Why This Matters:

ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

STEAM makes summer learning fun, impactful, and literacy-rich!

The purpose of the <u>State Summer Learning Grants (2025)</u> is to accelerate learning and increase academic growth, with an emphasis on literacy, through three fundamental goals:

- Advance academic learning aligned with Oregon content standards adopted under ORS 329.045,
  focused on evidence-based literacy instruction, and inclusive of mathematics, science, and language arts.
- Support youth development through well-rounded enrichment opportunities that include hands-on, inquiry-based, and project-based learning experiences that are intentionally integrated with evidence-based instruction to reinforce academic growth and promote students' mental, emotional, and social well-being.
- Ensure equitable access, outreach, and family engagement using culturally and linguistically responsive strategies that support student success and build meaningful family partnerships.

## STEAM strategies that can increase engagement, deepen understanding and strengthen literacy include:

- <u>Place-Based Learning</u> Tied to local settings such as forests, ocean, rivers, or community spaces
- Project-Based Learning Centered on meaningful projects impacting students
- <u>Inquiry-Based Learning</u> Driven by curiosity, e.g. exploring scientific phenomena or artist's work
- <u>Applied Learning</u> Focused on real-world skills, such as programming or engineering solutions
- <u>Career Connected Learning</u> Linking school to future pathways, often connected to local industry, colleges, and universities

To learn more, scan the QR Code to access the ODE Summer Learning Best Practice Guide!

