

### **Oregon Department of Education Well-Rounded Access Program Update**

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# Well-Rounded Access Program (WRAP)



The Well-Rounded Access Program Update is the Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) primary communication tool for topics related to the Well-Rounded Access Program (WRAP). In October 2020, Oregon received a five-year, \$9.8 million grant to expand access to well-rounded education courses. More information about this program can be found on ODE's <u>Expanding Access to Well-Rounded</u> Education webpage.

### **High School Science for All**

#### New Partnership Announced!

The Oregon Department of Education is excited to announce a new partnership with the <u>Portland-Metro STEM Partnership</u> (<u>PMSP</u>) and the <u>Greater Oregon STEM Hub (GO STEM</u>) to



Physics Chemistry Biology

expand access to <u>Patterns Science</u> through the <u>High School Science for All program</u>. This program was designed to increase student access to science courses by providing an openly licensed, vertically articulated curriculum that has potential to align district pathways for students' science course taking. The goals of this partnership include updating the curriculum and its online capacity and expanding professional development and use of the curriculum, focusing modifications to the relevance and useability for rural areas of the state.

#### Sign up for Professional Development Today!

Registration is currently open for summer Professional Development! Whether you are currently using the Patterns approach/curriculum or you are new to this method and content, the five-day in-person summer courses provide a great foundation for teachers interested in utilizing the open source curriculum and associated instructional strategies. As part of this partnership and funded by the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Learning grant, all summer virtual and in-person workshops are Free of Charge to any Oregon teacher. You can <u>click here to register online or learn more</u> about these professional learning offerings.

#### Questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact Susan Holveck at holveck@pdxstem.org.

# Arts Access Toolkit Available Online Now!



The Arts Access Toolkit is available now on our website!

The Arts Access Toolkit is part of an initiative to increase access for Oregon students to arts and STEM/STEAM learning opportunities. The toolkit is organized into a digital collection, highlighting both agency developed and external resources to assist schools and districts in offering and sustaining high quality, standards-aligned arts programs. ODE is inviting administrators, educators, teaching artists, arts organizations, and all school staff, families, and community members interested in arts education to join us this June to learn more about the Arts Access Toolkit. Click on the link below to register for the webinar:

<u>Thursday, June 15th 2:00 - 3:00 PM</u>

If you are unable to join us, the webinar will also be recorded. You can find recordings of previous sessions on the <u>Arts Access Toolkit site</u>.

### Arts Learning and Professional Development Opportunities Coming Soon!

#### **Native Arts**

Building on work in the state with the <u>Tribal History/Shared History</u> project, Tribes have begun to develop <u>Tribal specific content</u> across many subject areas. Tribes and Indigenous educators are working together with the WRAP team to ensure that American Indian/Alaska Native (Al/AN) students are represented in the arts content they engage with in school as well. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation recently began their project to design Tribal specific native arts lessons, and more updates will be available to the project soon!

### Arts, Care & Connection

Arts for Learning Northwest (formerly Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington) will partner with ODE to design an Arts, Care & Connection program, offering free K-5 arts integration lessons and professional learning for teachers. These lessons will create high quality arts and social emotional learning opportunities for elementary students during the school day. This work is done in partnership with ODE's <u>Care and Connection campaign</u> and will integrate ODE's upcoming Oregon's <u>Transformative SEL Framework & Standards</u>.

For questions or comments, please email <u>ODE.WRCoursesGrant@ode.state.or.us</u>. To subscribe to this or other State Government newsletters, please visit the <u>GovDelivery</u> <u>website</u>. You can access this topic by scrolling to the Professional Learning Topic and selecting Well-Rounded Courses Access.

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