



# Approved Recovery Schools: Top Ten Things to Consider When Deciding to Open a Recovery High School

1. Learn more about [HB 2767](#) to determine if applying is right for your school district, ESD or public charter school. Additional information is provided on our [Recovery Schools FAQ](#) sheet.
2. Gather data from your community, in regard to student substance use and behavioral health needs. What services are currently provided in your area? Does it seem adequate? One data source may include the [OHA Healthy Teen Survey](#) results.
3. Start asking questions of your Student Services/Special Education Director, Alternative programs Director/Coordinator, neighboring districts, and community based organizations, especially culturally specific programs. Tell them about this opportunity and discuss options.
4. Set up meetings with local behavioral health partners, substance use and peer support programs to introduce the recovery high school concept. Additionally, contact a recovery school administrator who is currently operating a school. This can be a school within Oregon or within the nation. See the [Association of Recovery Schools](#) website for contacts or ask ODE.
5. Begin discussing the mission and vision for your recovery high school. Is there a need to serve your local community with a primary site or regional and/or culturally specific communities with a primary and satellite site? *\*Satellite sites will be approved within the primary site application.*
6. Research transportation options for your students. The agency operating the recovery high school is responsible for transporting recovery school students.
7. Consider how you will provide special education services. The recovery high school is responsible for child-find, and all special education services. The Department will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring the recovery school is implementing all aspects of IDEA. Contracting for these services is allowed.
8. Attend an ODE Informational session to learn more about the application process, guidance and support information. See the [ODE Recovery Schools](#) website for dates and times.
9. Begin looking for a location to open up a recovery high school. Remember that the recovery school must be in a separate location, away from your local high school.
10. Ask questions of ODE's Recovery Schools team. We are here to help guide your discussions, and are able to meet with you and/or your planning team in person or via virtual meetings.

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