

OREGON REGIONAL LOW INCIDENCE PROGRAMS

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The way that school districts indicate participation in Oregon Regional Low Incidence Programs has changed.

Oregon Regional Low Incidence programs have a long and successful history of providing services to students with low incidence disabilities and high needs. Regional Programs advantage districts by:



Assembling rich and deep regional teams with high levels of expertise and specialized licensure.



Creating economy of scale to build capacity to address low incidence service needs.



Ensuring consistency and continuity of service for our states most complex students.



Accessing a state general fund match available only to Regional Low Incidence programs.

Individual Disability Education Act (IDEA) fund allocation will see a procedural change for the 2019-20 school year. School district options to access their IDEA funds are unchanged, simply a change in process.

- School districts must now give annual consent to allocate their IDEA funds to statewide Regional Low-Incidence programs.
- With consent, those funds will go to statewide Regional Low-Incidence programs for distribution to Regional programs across the state.
- A state general fund match will be applied to those funds allocated to statewide Regional Low Incidence programs. This match is only available through a partnership between a school district and a regional provider.
- If a district chooses to retain IDEA dollars, they must develop and submit a plan to Oregon Department of Education demonstrating how qualifying students will receive appropriate services by qualified personnel.