**Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program**

**581.017.0640 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Definitions**

The following definitions apply to OAR 581-017-XXXX to 581-017-XXXX:

(1) “Community College district” has the meaning in ORS 341.005(5).

(2) “Education Service District” or “ESD” means education service district as defined in ORS 334.003(2).

(3) “Public post-secondary institution of education” means:

(a) the following public universities:

(A) University of Oregon;

(B) Oregon State University;

(C) Portland State University;

(D) Oregon Institute of Technology;

(E) Western Oregon University;

(F) Southern Oregon University;

(G) Eastern Oregon University;

(b) Oregon Health and Science University; or

(c) An Oregon-based, accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education.

(4) “Qualified as instructors of accelerated college credit program courses” means meeting the requirements of a high school’s higher education partner(s) to be able to teach a dual-credit course that can award students college credit.

(5) “Rural” means NCES Census Codes Corresponding to Districts Eligible for Funding under the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP):

(a) 32 - Town, Distant: Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 10 miles and less than or equal to 35 miles from an urbanized area;

(b) 33 - Town, Remote: Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 35 miles from an urbanized area;

(c) 41 - Rural, Fringe: Census-defined rural territory that is less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster;

(d) 42 - Rural, Distant: Census-defined rural territory that is more than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is more than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster; and

(e) 43 - Rural, Remote: Census-defined rural territory that is more than 25 miles from an urbanized area and is also more than 10 miles from an urban cluster.

(6) “School district” means a common or union high school district.

(7) “Students from Racial or Ethnic Groups that Have Historically Experienced Academic Disparities” includes, but is not limited to American Indian and Alaska Native students, Black and African American students, Hispanic and Latino students, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students, and multiracial students, and any other racial or ethnic group identified by the school district as historically experienced academic disparities.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 340.320

Stat. Implemented: ORS 340.320

**581.017.0642 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Eligibility**

(1) The following shall be eligible to receive an Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant:

(a) School district;

(b) Education service district;

(c) Community college district; or

(d) Public post-secondary institution of education.

(2) A single grant proposal may include more than one eligible applicant, but the fiscal agent must be one of the eligible applicants identified in subsection (1) of this rule.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 340.320

Stat. Implemented: ORS 340.320

**581.017.0644 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Purpose**

Grant funds may be used for:

(1) Expanding support for school districts, education service districts and public postsecondary institutions of education to provide professional learning opportunities for high school instructors of accelerated college credit program courses;

(2) Ensuring high school teachers have dependable online access to graduate courses meeting community college requirements for dual credit instructors;

(3) Improving professional relationships among instructors of accelerated college credit programs courses;

(4) Developing online graduate courses in content areas identified by the department in collaboration with the commission as needing development; and

(5) Collecting and analyze qualitative experience data related to the provision of professional development and training to instructors of accelerated college credit program courses, with an emphasis on development and training programs that are able to increase the number of instructors who are qualified to provide accelerated college credit program courses.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 340.320

Stat. Implemented: ORS 340.320

**581.017.0646 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Criteria**

(1) The Department of Education will establish a process for requesting for the Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant each biennium for which grant funds are available. The Department shall notify eligible applicants of the request process and due dates, and make available necessary guidelines and application forms.

(2) Grants shall be awarded based on the requirements of ORS 340.320.

(3) For grants to support to increase the number of instructors who are qualified to provide accelerated college credit program courses, the Department may give priority to proposals that increase the number of qualified instructors in:

(a) Rural schools;

(b) Schools with a low percentage of students from racial or ethnic groups that have historically experienced academic disparities participating in accelerated learning opportunities; or

(c) Schools with a low percentage of students experiencing poverty participating in accelerated learning opportunities.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 340.320

Stat. Implemented: ORS 340.320

**581.017.0648 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Funding**

(1) Each biennium, the Department of Education shall determine the portion of the funds available for the Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant program.

(2) The Department of Education shall determine the amount of the grant based on average graduate tuition, the number of grant requests, and the amount of available funding.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 340.320

Stat. Implemented: ORS 340.320

**581-017-0650 Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program: Reporting**

Each year, a recipient of an Accelerated College Credit InstructorGrant must report on the grant in the manner and form required by the Department.

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