**581-015-2540 with track changes for Board to consider 9-1-2020**

**Definitions for Regional Programs**

The following definitions apply to OAR 581-015-2545 through 581-015-2565 unless otherwise indicated by the context.

(1) "Administrative Unit" means the school district or ESD within each region chosen to operate the regional program through contract with the Department of Education.

(2) "Consultation services" means technical assistance to or conferring with the local education agency and staff or early intervention/early childhood special education providers and staff or families to assist them to provide services to eligible children.

(3) "Department" means the Oregon Department of Education.

(4) "Direct services" means services provided to the child by regional specialists.

(5) "Eligible children" means children with low-incidence, high need disabilities who need the services of the regional program.

(6) "Low incidence, high need disabilities" means one or more of the following categories: autism spectrum disorder (OAR 581-015-2130), deafblindness (OAR 581-015-2140), deaf or hard of hearing (OAR 581-015-2150), orthopedic impairment (OAR 581-015-2160), traumatic brain injury (OAR 581-015-2175), and visual impairment (OAR 581-015-2180).

(7) "Regional program" means direct or consultative services funded through the Department provided on a single or multi-county basis that assist school districts and early intervention/ early childhood special education providers in meeting the unique needs of eligible children.

(8) "Services" means early intervention services, early childhood special education and/or related services, and special education and/or related services, as defined in OAR 581-015-2700 and 581-015-2000, respectively.

(9) "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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