# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RULES

## 423-160-0001 Definitions

The following definitions apply to OAR 423-160-0001 to 423-160-0013:

(1) “Community-based Organization” means a nonprofit organization that is representative of a community or significant segments of a community, which is located within or in close proximity to the community it serves. This includes culturally specific organizations that have an expressed mission of providing services to specific populations within a community.

(2) “Eligible Entity” means an organization, agency, or consortium that meets the eligibility requirements to operate a “Reengagement Program” and receive funding under the Statewide “Reengagement System,” as established by ORS 417.859 and further clarified in OAR 423-160-0007.

(3) “Eligible Youth” means a participant who meets the eligibility requirements for enrollment in a “Reengagement Program,” established by ORS 417.859 and further clarified in OAR 423-160-0005.

(4) “Non-profit Organization” means:

(a) An organization established as a nonprofit organization under the laws of Oregon; and

(b) Qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) or a social welfare organization under 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in ORS 314.011.

(5) “Reengagement” means services and activities intended to reconnect out of school youth with education, training, and other services. Reengagement includes outreach, education, training, mentoring, and support services, including those further described in the definition of “Reengagement Services.”

(6) “Reengagement Grant” means the grants established by ORS 417.859 and further clarified in OAR 423-160-0011 and OAR 581-017-0651 through 581-017-0653.

(7) “Reengagement Partner” or “Partner” means an entity that provides any type of “Reengagement Service” as part of a Reengagement Program.

(8) “Reengagement Program” or “Program” means a reengagement program as defined by ORS 417.859, and further clarified in OAR 423-160-0007 and 423-160-0009.

(9) “Reengagement Services” refers to the range of services provided by a Reengagement Program, including but not limited to:

(a) Outreach services - identification, contact, referral, and retention activities for Eligible Youth

(b) Educational services - academic remediation, credit recovery, GED Options and other GED preparation and testing, and post-secondary access;

(c) Case Management services - one-on-one academic and career coaching;

(d) Workforce Development services - work readiness and soft skills training, internships, job placement, career technical education;

(e) Personal Skills development - life skills, financial literacy, personal care and nutritional education;

(f) Supportive services - mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, navigation and connection to social services, childcare, transportation assistance, housing assistance, basic needs assistance, affinity groups;

(g) Ongoing (follow-up) services to participants who have earned a diploma or GED within a Reengagement Program, in a manner determined by the Youth Development Division within the grant funding process; and

(h) Other direct services to Eligible Youth delivered by a Reengagement Program.

(10) “Statewide Youth Reengagement System” or “System” means the comprehensive reengagement efforts carried out, coordinated, supported, and monitored by the Youth Development Division, as established by ORS 417.859, and further clarified in OAR 423-160-0009.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

## 423-160-0003 Establishment

(1) There is established the Youth Development Division Statewide Youth Reengagement System and the Reengagement Grant.

(2) The purpose of the Statewide Youth Reengagement System is to coordinate Reengagement Programs and the provision of Reengagement Services to Eligible Youth.

(3) The System is administered by the Youth Development Division. Administration includes the design of the system, management of grant funding and monitoring process, provision of technical assistance to Reengagement Programs and Partners, and general coordination of the System.

(4) Reengagement Programs that are funded with Reengagement Grants will be considered participants in the Statewide Youth Reengagement System, however the System may include Reengagement Programs which are not currently receiving funding through the Reengagement Grant program, as described in OAR 423-160-0011.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

## 423-160-0005 Eligibility for Enrollment in a Reengagement Program

(1) The following individuals are eligible to enroll in and participate in services offered by a Reengagement Program:

(a) Youth age 14-21 who are defined as a dropout under ORS 339.505, and not exempt from attending public school under 339.030;

(b) Youth age 14-21 who are referred by OYA, DHS, Juvenile Court Judges, County Juvenile Departments, a Federally-Recognized Tribe, a School District or an Education Service District;

(c) Youth ages 14-21 who are not enrolled in school, and have not earned a high school diploma or GED; or

(d) Youth age 16-21 who are enrolled in a public high school, initially enrolled in high school one or more years prior, and have earned 3 or more credits fewer than the expected number of credits to be earned based on the duration of enrollment.

(2) A youth who does not meet one of the criteria in subsection (1) of this rule may petition the Youth Development Division for permission to enroll in and participate in services offered by a Reengagement Program. If the Director of the Youth Development Division determines that the request conforms to the goals of the Statewide Reengagement System, the Director may approve the request and the youth will be permitted to enroll and participate.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

## 423-160-0007 Eligibility to Provide a Reengagement Program

(1) The following entities may provide a Reengagement Program or deliver Reengagement Services under the Statewide Reengagement System:

(a) School districts;

(b) Public charter schools;

(c) Educational Service Districts;

(d) Federally recognized Tribes;

(e) Local Workforce Development Boards;

(f) County and Municipal Governments and Agencies;

(g) Community Colleges;

(h) Alternative Schools (including private alternative schools);

(i) Community-Based Organizations; and

(j) Non-Profit Organizations.

(2) An entity that does not meet one of the criteria in subsection (1) of this rule may petition the Youth Development Division to be determined eligible to provide a Reengagement Program. If the Director of the Youth Development Division determines that the request conforms to the goals of the Statewide Reengagement System, the Director may approve the request and the entity will be designated as eligible.

(3)(a) A single Reengagement Program may be offered by a collaborative or consortium of multiple Reengagement Partners, and must include at least one Eligible Entity identified in subsection (1) of this rule.

(b) If a Reengagement Program is offered by a collaborative or consortium, the fiscal agent must be an Eligible Entity identified in subsection (1) of this rule.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

423-160-0009

## Designation of Reengagement Programs as Participants in a Statewide Youth Reengagement System

(1) The Youth Development Division shall develop a process by which an entity offering Reengagement Services will be assessed to meet criteria established by the Youth Development Division, in order to be considered a participant in the Statewide Youth Reengagement System.

(2) Participants in the Statewide Youth Reengagement System shall include, but are not restricted to, recipients of Reengagement Grants made under OAR 581-017-0651 through 581-017-0653 and OAR 423-160-0011.

(3) An entity that provides Reengagement Services but does not receive or meet the requirements to receive a Reengagement Program Grant undermay be considered a participant in the System, subject to criteria developed by the Youth Development Division.

(4) Through the Statewide Youth Reengagement System, the Youth Development Division will collect data on Reengagement Programs and Reengagement Services, and support collaboration and coordination among Programs.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

## 423-160-0011 Reengagement Program Grants

(1) The Youth Development Division shall establish a process by which the division may issue grants for the purpose of funding Reengagement Programs.

(a) The process must be approved by the Youth Development Council, and adhere to any requirements set forth in OAR 581-017-0653.

(b) The grant award process will take into account the eligibility standards for Reengagement Programs, and required services and partnerships identified in ORS 417.859.

(c) The Youth Development Division shall provide eligible entities with information on the grant funding process, including:

(A) Grant parameters, guidelines, requirements, and deliverables; and

(B) Submission deadlines and other important dates.

(2) Each proposal for funding submitted under this rule must include:

(a) A project budget describing planned expenditure of funds;

(b) A description of all activities to be funded with grant funds;

(c) Expected outcomes associated with the performance of those activities; and

(d) Other information as required by the Division.

(3) To be eligible to receive a Reengagement Grant, an entity must:

(a) Demonstrate capability of meeting all requirements for provision of a Reengagement Program under ORS 417.859;

(b) Meet all of the requirements in OAR 581-017-0653.

(c) Demonstrate the capability and capacity to deliver all required elements of Reengagement Program services, which shall be fulfilled in part through the demonstration of partnerships, including but not limited to:

(A) Educational partners (School districts, ESDs, Community Colleges, other education service providers);

(B) Workforce/Training partners (Local Workforce Development Boards, Community Colleges, other training providers); and

(C) Culturally Responsive and Equity-focused partners (Federally recognized tribes, Community-Based organizations, and other entities dedicated to addressing the needs of youth who are over-represented in the Eligible Youth population).

(4) The Division shall award grants based on the evaluation of the grant proposals, which includes the following considerations:

(a) Counties, Districts, and/or schools served, where there is a graduation/completion rate gap between underserved populations and the overall student rate;

(b) Counties, Districts, and/or schools served, where there is a graduation/completion rate gap between the local student population and the statewide graduation/completion rate;

(c) The participation of entities that have demonstrated success in improving student outcomes; and

(d) Geographic location of a Reengagement Program, to insure grant program funds are accessed by communities throughout the state.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

## 423-160-0013 Reporting

(1) Recipients of the Reengagement Grant must report on activities carried out under the grant, in a manner prescribed by the Youth Development Division

(2) The reporting requirements, data element definitions, and report submission process for Reengagement Grant recipients shall be specified in the grant funding process.

(3) The Youth Development Division will review reporting and data from Reengagement Programs and the Statewide Youth Reengagement System. The Division will notify and advise the Youth Development Council, Oregon Department of Education, and State Board of Education of any recommendations on educational accountability standards as applied to Reengagement Programs and reengaged students, where it identifies opportunities to:

(a) More appropriately assess reengagement outcomes;

(b) Remove barriers to reengagement; and

(c) Identify new accountability measures aligned with the services provided by Reengagement Programs.

(4) The Youth Development Division will consult with the Oregon Department of Education to align and reconcile data collected from Reengagement Programs and the Statewide Youth Reengagement System with relevant data collected by the Oregon Department of Education.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 417.859

Stat. Implemented: ORS 417.859

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES

**581-017-0651**

## Reengagement Grants: Definitions

The definitions that apply to OAR 581-017-0651 through 581-017-0655 are the same definitions adopted by the Youth Development Council for OAR 423-160-0001 to 423-160-0013. The following definitions apply to OAR 581-017-0651 through 581-017-0655:

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State. Auth.: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859

Stat. Implements: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859

**581-017-0653**

## Reengagement Grants: Fund and Grant Administration

(1) Moneys for the Reengagement Grants will come from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account established by ORS 327.250.

(2) For each biennium, the Youth Development Division will determine the total amount of funds to be made available for Reengagement Grants.

(3) The Oregon Department of Education will distribute funds for the Reengagement Grants according to the direction of the Youth Development Division.

(4) Reengagement Grants will be administered by the Youth Development Division, as described in OAR 423-160-0011.

(5) Reengagement Grant funds may be used by a Reengagement Program for the provision of Reengagement Services.

State. Auth.: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859

Stat. Implements: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859

**581-017-0655**

## Reengagement Grants: Funding Criteria

(1) Reengagement Grants may be awarded to Reengagement Programs that meet the following criteria:

(a) The Reengagement Program must comply with any eligibility and performance standards adopted by the Youth Development Council;

(b) The Reengagement Program must comply with all grant proposal requirements specified by the Youth Development Division in OAR 423-160-0011;

(c) The Reengagement Program must enroll Eligible Youth in Reengagement Services. Enrollment in Reengagement Services must include regular in-person contact between a Reengagement Program and an enrolled youth, which shall be in the form of in-person instruction, counseling, case management and/or career coaching. Requirements for the frequency and type of contact with be determined by the Youth Development Division, as part of establishing the process for administering grants under OAR 423-160-0011; and

(d) The Reengagement Program must make educational services available, which may include credit-bearing high school course work leading to a diploma, GED preparation and testing, and online/virtual coursework.

(2) Funding to a Reengagement Program may be made contingent upon the successful completion of performance measure targets and standards developed by the Youth Development Division.

State. Auth.: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859

Stat. Implements: ORS 327.254; ORS 417.859