

HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

\$1.14 million invested



What is this initiative?

Research, evidence, and experience have proven that the adoption and use of high-quality instructional materials can yield significant improvements in student outcomes that are equally or more effective than other costly interventions.

This investment focused on supporting and developing Open Educational Resources and provided guidance on evaluating digital instructional materials.

Goals

- » Oregon's requirements related to Inclusive Social Science and Comprehensive Sexuality Education are often unmet in commercially available instructional materials. In response, **over 75 openly-licensed lesson plans**, including versions in English, Spanish, and Universal Design for Learning (UDL), recorded webinars, and educator guides, have been published on the [Oregon Open Learning Hub](#).
- » The [Digital Instructional Materials Toolkit](#) supports districts in adopting and using digital instructional materials increasingly used for online instruction. The toolkit includes district guidance on accessibility, adaptive learning, cultural responsiveness, interoperability, linguistic strengths, modularity, and student data privacy. The toolkit is available [online](#) for districts and schools to use during instructional materials adoption processes and was shared throughout the state through the Spring 2024 Digital Instructional Materials Toolkit Roadshow.



Benefits

Ensuring students have access to high-quality and culturally responsive instructional materials is a critical element of accelerating learning and supporting student wellness and belonging.

More than ever, students in Oregon need to feel a sense of belonging and safety as a foundation to accelerate their learning coming out of the pandemic. The lessons, educator guides, and professional learning resources created in this investment support teachers to provide instruction on topics such as respecting differences, healthy relationships, bodily autonomy and safety, preventing discrimination, seeking information and help, and community well-being. These resources uplift the diversity of students and communities with content that is often new for both educators and students, especially in the younger grades, where it can be especially hard to find high quality, standards aligned, and culturally responsive materials.



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