

STATE LEADERSHIP FOR MULTILINGUAL AND MIGRANT EDUCATION

\$4.28 million invested



What is this initiative?

ODE established the Multilingual and Migrant Education Team in April 2022 as one of the state's key strategic investments funded through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III). The team grew out of statewide and community efforts to **advance equity for multilingual and migrant students and advocacy for policy changes to expand access to culturally and linguistically inclusive programs and services statewide.**

The Oregon Legislature approved permanent funding for the Multilingual and Migrant Education team in 2023, ensuring the initial ESSER investment will yield long-term impact. The team embodies Oregon's commitment to and investment in supporting our multilingual and migrant students, which includes students designated as English learners in Title III programs, migrant students in Title 1-C programs, refugee and newcomer immigrant students, and students in dual language programs.

Goals

This investment supported the development of the Multilingual and Migrant Education team with a director, staff for managing the data and grant and contract funding, and a specialist in providing technical assistance providing statewide support through the following initiatives.

- » **Develop guidance and resources** for high-quality, culturally and linguistically inclusive language development programs that **ensure academic rigor for multilingual learners** throughout the curriculum.



- » Development of [Oregon's Strategic Plan for Multilingual Learner Success](#), as required by ORS 336.079.
- » **Strengthen systems of support** for newcomer immigrants and refugee students, such as international transcript evaluation policies and procedures.

Benefits

The 10-member Multilingual and Migrant Education team has significantly **strengthened** the Oregon Department of Education's capacity to serve migrant and multilingual students and their families. The team launched two transformational initiatives that are **reshaping** the realities of the students we serve: the Multilingual Learner State Strategic Plan and the new Service Delivery Plan for the Migrant Education Program. These efforts outline Oregon's key priority areas, goals, and action items to advance academic outcomes for multilingual learners while centering the voices and experiences of our migrant and multilingual students and families. For the first time in our history, we have gathered a truly representative sample of voices, including students, families, and Migrant Education Program specialists from across the state.



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