



Working together, the partners in the Willamette Promise (WP) are closing the gap between high school and college, opening doors to post-secondary education for diverse students, and helping to move Oregon closer to achieving its 40-40-20 goal. The WP (1) creates new opportunities for accelerated credit allowing high school students to earn up to 4 credits in the OTM, (2) empowers all students to envision post-secondary and career success by strengthening the college-going culture in our communities, (3) provides high school students with opportunities aligned with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs leading to career pathways, and (4) builds a robust infrastructure of professionally rewarding, cross-sector relationships among educators and diverse partners. WP supports students through the transition from high school to college and careers, and moves us towards a true P-20 system in Oregon.

The goals of the Willamette Promise are to: (1) Improve opportunities and the funding of services to historically underrepresented students; (2) Foster a college-going culture within WP school districts; (3) Provide a variety of accelerated college credit opportunities; (4) Demonstrate strong cross-sector collaboration with ESD's, School Districts and higher education institutions; and (5) Create and expand cross-sector Professional Learning Communities.

The Willamette Promise partners include the Willamette Education Service District, Western Oregon University, Oregon Tech, Corban University, Oregon GEAR-UP, Oregon Building Congress, Incite, Northwest College of Construction, and 21 school districts (Amity, Cascade, Central, Dallas, Dayton, Falls City, Gervais, Jefferson, McMinnville, Mt. Angel, Newberg, North Marion, North Santiam, Perrydale, Salem-Keizer, Sheridan, Silver Falls, St. Paul, Woodburn, Willamina, and Yamhill-Carlton).