



PROGRAM SUMMARY AND GOALS

Jump Start Kindergarten is an equity-driven program designed to facilitate a smooth transition into school. This summer program is built upon culturally responsive practices and prioritizes families furthest from opportunity. While programs vary based on the diverse needs of the school community, all include the following objectives:

Student Goals - A minimum of 30 hours in the classroom to:

- Foster a sense of joy, connection, and curiosity in learning
- Enhance social and emotional skills

Family Goals - A minimum 10 hours of family engagement activities to:

- Strengthen positive relationships among families and staff in inclusive, culturally aware environments
- Promote regular attendance and meaningful connections

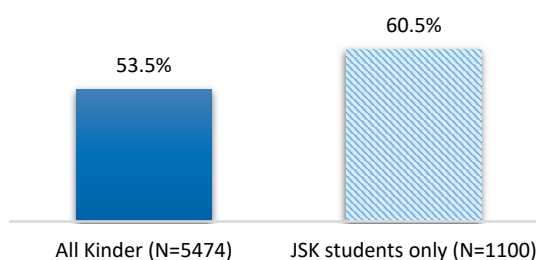
Partnership Goals - Collaborate in planning/outreach with local providers to:

- Experience aligned systems in close partnership with the early learning and care sector

PROMISING DATA

Chronic absenteeism, missing 10 percent or more of school, can result in students struggling to read by third-grade and graduating from high school.¹ Jump Start addresses root causes of chronic absenteeism by fostering relationships and resource sharing between family and school early on.

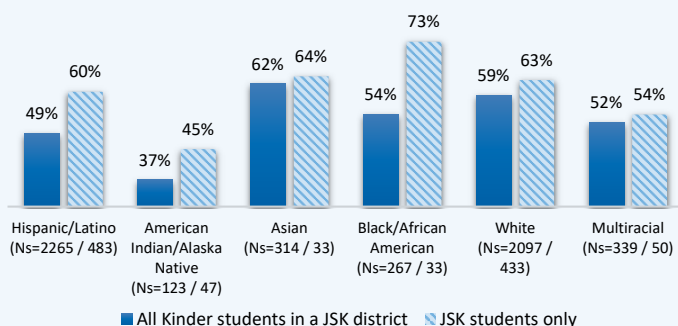
JSK DISTRICTS 2022-23 KINDERGARTEN REGULAR ATTENDANCE RATES²



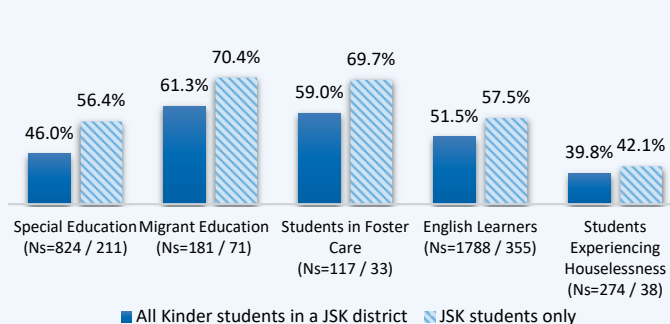
ODE compared students who participated in Jump Start Kindergarten with all kindergarten students in the district to see if there was a difference in regular attendance (attending school more than 90% of the time).³

On average, **60.5% of children who participated in Jump Start Kindergarten attended kindergarten during the school year regularly**, compared to **53.5% of all kindergarten students (i.e. "all kinders")**.

JSK DISTRICTS 2022-23 KINDERGARTEN REGULAR ATTENDANCE RATES - RACE/ETHNICITY²



JSK DISTRICTS 2022-23 KINDERGARTEN REGULAR ATTENDANCE RATES - STUDENT GROUPS²



These results were consistently higher across all racial/ethnic groups for students who attended Jump Start Kindergarten.

Within student groups, students who participated in Jump Start experienced 2% to 11% greater regular attendance rates during the school year than the district average.

1 <https://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/researchschool-attendance-final-version.pdf>

2 "All Kinder" refers to all kindergarten students regardless of JSK participation.

3 Children who participated in Jump Start Kindergarten are more likely to be regular attenders than children who did not participate in Jump Start Kindergarten. The difference between the two groups of children is statistically significant ($p < .001$). Note: ODE is not observing a causal effect of Jump Start Kindergarten with regular attendance rates. Rather we're observing an association with the data and this association could change with new data.

WHO THE PROGRAM SERVES

Summer 2022

- ❖ Number of schools - 67
- ❖ Number of students - 1,100
- ❖ Average number of partners⁴ per district - 4
- ❖ Average programming time - 12 days/59 hours
- ❖ Districts that met/exceeded 10 hours of family activities - 82%

2022 School Districts

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) identified districts to participate based on their level of need, and selected: Central, David Douglas, Forest Grove, Gervais, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath Falls City Schools, Lincoln County, Morrow County, Ontario, Parkrose, Phoenix-Talent, Reynolds, Stanfield, Umatilla. **ODE added 12 more Jump Start Kindergarten districts in 2023.**

PROGRAM FUNDING

Jump Start Kindergarten is funded by the American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III). This \$11.2 million investment began April 2022 and will end in September 2024. Though the cost of the program differs greatly depending on the number of participating schools and classrooms in a district, the range is approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500 per student.

REFLECTIONS ON JUMP START KINDERGARTEN

In some districts, school staff shared a survey with families and staff asking what aspect of the program was most helpful. Below are a few responses:

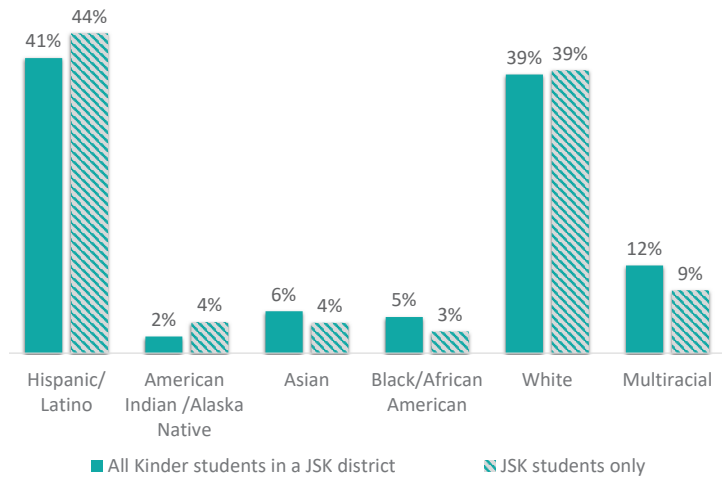
“The program gave my son confidence in making new friends and getting to know teachers.”

– Parent/caregiver

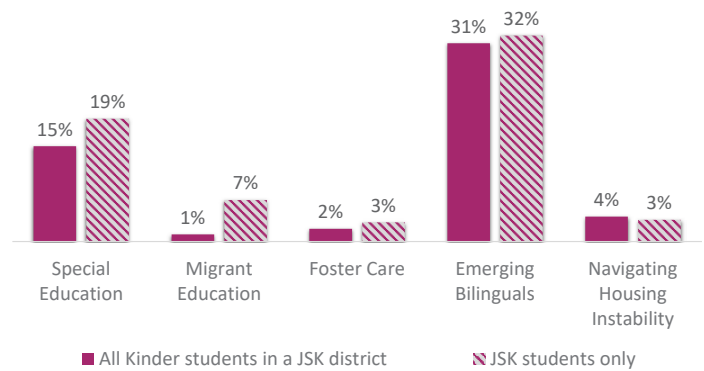
“(The best part) was learning about all the resources and support for us as parents and our children. Thank you. This has been amazing.”

– Parent/caregiver

PERCENT OF KINDERGARTNERS IN JUMP START VS DISTRICT⁵



PERCENT OF KINDERGARTNERS IN JUMP START VS DISTRICT BY STUDENT GROUPS⁵



“I loved being a part of Jump Start with the new kinders. I think this program is such a great opportunity for kids to get a head start on learning their new surroundings and routines.”

– Instructional assistant

“The Jump Start program helped students get a feel for school. It will make the start of school easier for both myself and my students. They did a great job improving as the week went on.”

– Teacher

⁴ Partners include community-based organizations such as early learning providers, health providers, and local businesses that support children and families in Jump Start.

⁵ “All Kinder” refers to all kindergarten students regardless of JSK participation.



For more information, please visit our [website](#). For tips and resources, see the [Jump Start Kindergarten Toolkit](#).

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