# School Prayer Certificate of Compliance

# Title VIII Section 8524

As a condition of receiving funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), school districts must certify in writing to the Oregon Department of Education, that no policy of the school district prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools as detailed in February 7, 2003 guidance by the U.S. Department of Education.

“In accordance with this provision in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as Superintendent of the School District stated below, I certify under penalty of the law that this school district has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools as detailed in the constitutionally protected school prayer guidance provided by U.S. Department of Education, which I have reviewed.”

| School District |
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| School District Name: |

| Superintendent’s Signature and Date |
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| Signature: |
| Date Signed: |

Instructions:

1. Fill out form electronically
2. Have the Superintendent review the [guidance concerning school prayer](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html) (http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer\_guidance.html)
3. Print form
4. Have Superintendent sign the form
5. Scan and submit filled out and signed form **by October 1, 2020**.
6. Methods to submit form:
   1. [Submit by email](mailto:emily.swope@state.or.us) ([Emily.swope@state.or.us](mailto:Emily.swope@state.or.us))
   2. [Submit electronically by survey form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/405bf36af3964ba5b0da3b1eeaf589c4)

[This form can be found on the Oregon Department of Education’s CIP Budget Narrative – Spending Workbook webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/Pages/BN.aspx) (<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/Pages/BN.aspx>)