

# JUMP START KINDERGARTEN

\$11.2 million invested



## What is this initiative?

Jump Start Kindergarten (JSK) is a summer program designed to provide students and their families with a **successful transitioning experience from early childhood into kindergarten** by setting the foundation for a positive school experience. The program design is based on the belief that students and their families thrive in **connected and supportive school environments that are culturally affirming and promote a sense of belonging**.

## What will it accomplish?

Each participating school provides an **inclusive, well-rounded classroom experience** of at least 30 hours for incoming kindergartners. In addition, school teams offer at least 10 hours of **family engagement activities** for parents and caregivers. Schools are encouraged and have the flexibility to design the family engagement component to align with the practices, routines, and cultural and community backgrounds of the school community it serves.

» ***Jump Start serves focal populations most impacted by the pandemic, and for whom the pandemic exacerbated long standing inequities,*** intentionally dialed in on helping focal children and their families who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. **Districts and schools are expected to collaborate with early learning** and other regional partners for outreach and enrollment to ensure outreach efforts are culturally responsive and inclusive.



## How will this impact students in Oregon?

A child's transition into kindergarten sets the tone for the educational experience for many years. Research shows that **building and implementing a seamless transition to kindergarten improves a child's ongoing success in school**. Through intentional outreach and family-centered programming, Jump Start Kindergarten helps students and families have a strong and connected start to school.



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## Use of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds in Oregon

Since 2020 Oregon has received \$1.62 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds to support the needs of all students, with a focus on historically excluded communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The state has allocated 90% of its allotment to school districts to spend based on their community's unique needs. ODE has distributed the other 9.5% (.5% can be used for Administrative costs) to support [12 equity-driven initiatives](#) designed to address unfinished learning, support the health, safety, and mental wellness of our students and staff, and strengthen high-quality, culturally-sustaining instruction and leadership. These initiatives are designed for all students and are specifically centered on equitably serving Oregon's Black, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Tribal students; students with disabilities; students who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+; emerging bilingual; and those navigating foster care, houselessness, and poverty; and those with limited access to resources due to rural location.