

Museum Tours



Tours of the OSD Museum are available through the OSD Outreach Program. Free tours are generally conducted during weekday hours, but can be scheduled for other times depending on the availability of tour guides.

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MUSEUM AND CULTURAL LEARNING CENTER

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Preserving OSD's History

OSD is home to one of America's most comprehensive and well-preserved school museums.

The museum features replicas of rooms as they were in the early 1900's when OSD moved from its Turner Road location to its current site in 1911. The walk through tour includes



Classroom in 1908

displays of the library, superintendent's office, music therapy room, a classroom, the superintendent's home, student and staff dining rooms, kitchen, print shop, photography lab, shoemaking shop, woodshop, sewing room, athletics, dorm rooms, youth

activities, and a comprehensive collection of technology used to teach deaf and hard of hearing students.

The museum also houses collections of photographs and periodicals produced by the school, as well as other periodicals and books related to the language, culture and education of deaf people.

The new Deaf Culture Learning Center housed in Kuenzi Hall houses the Museum office and archives, as well as selections of museum items and photographs. The Center provides interactive learning through computer programs and videotapes.

OSD's museum and collection of historical archives are a state historical and cultural



Domestic Science Class in 1917



Girls Parlor in 1907

treasure. All items in the OSD Museum, and/or designated OSD historical items are the property of the State of Oregon. The OSD Outreach Program, in compliance with the Oregon State Archives Department, oversees the management, utilization, and preservation of the Museum and OSD's historical archives, with the OSD Alumni Association's Board of Directors acting as its advisory committee. The OSD Alumni Association's Board of Directors works with the OSD Outreach Program to maintain, preserve, showcase and improve the museum and its collections.

OSD wishes to thank Mark Hamstreet for his many years of service to the museum. Mark, who graduated from OSD in 1978, originated the museum project while still a student.