SOUTHERN OREGON ESD

Jackson County • Josephine County • Klamath County

SOESD
Southern Oregon Education Service District

Maximizing Local District Resources: SOESD centralizes expert special education, early childhood, technology, and school improvement services across 10,600 square miles. By sharing regional expertise, our 13 component school districts have access to more cost effective services that direct more funding straight into local classrooms.

Southern Oregon By the Numbers

REGIONAL BENCHMARK METRIC	JACKSON COUNTY	JOSEPHINE COUNTY	KLAMATH COUNTY	OREGON TOTAL
Total Population	222,645	88,179	70,247	**4,254,293**
Rural Population %	21.0%	43.0%	38.0%	**29.3%**
Financial Hardship (Poverty + ALICE)	43.9%	43.6%	47.0%	**41.0%**
5-Year High School Graduation Rate	85.6%	78.0%	79.1%	**83.7%**
4-Year College Degree or Greater	31.7%	19.7%	22.7%	**36.8%**

*Data sourced from Ford Family Foundation County Profiles (tfff.org/oregon-numbers). ALICE = Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

Fiscal Stewardship

- By state law (ORS 334.175), SOESD provides at least 90% of State School Fund (SSF) allocations directly into local district-selected resolution services. ESDs receive just ~4.5% of statewide SSF funding to maintain this essential regional infrastructure.
- In addition to SSF funding, SOESD actively secures state/federal grants and specialized regional contracts. This multiplies state investment, bringing millions in external funding to Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath schools without local tax increases.

Excellence in Service

Special Education & Complex Needs:
- First Touchpoint: Contract holders for EI/ECSE (0 -5)
- Speech, Language, OT/PT & Audiology
- Braille & Vision Support; ASL Interpreting
- School Psychology & Behavioral Health

Early Learning & Family Support:
- Southern Oregon Early Learning Hub
- Early Literacy Success Initiative implementation
- Family Support & Connections
- Child Care Resource Network

Technology:
- Regional High-Speed Network Management
- District Cybersecurity Infrastructure

Emergency Response:
- Regional Crisis Flight Response & Threat Assessment
- Regional School Safety & Emergency Management

SOESD in Action

Our Compass & Community Impact

"I appreciate how the ESD is trying to serve the whole family, starting from an early age, and truly make a difference in the lives of not just the children but the entire family."

Bethanee Grace, Program Supervisor, The Family Connection

"The ESD came up to Rogue River and supported us, helping redesign one our classrooms and provided behavioral support...and it made a huge improvement for everybody on that campus."

Dr. April Harrison, Rogue River School District Superintendent

"They show up...at my son's IEP meetings, working with him one-on-one in the classroom...They also support him emotionally. The advice and the knowledge I've gained...has allowed me to be the parent I am today and the best advocate that I can possibly be for my son."

Lauren White, Parent