

**CONSENT AGENDA — ITEM FOR ACTION****INSTRUCTIONAL TIME EXEMPTIONS****SUMMARY**

Per OAR 581-022-2320, exemptions to state requirements for instructional time require annual approval from the board. Exemptions are requested for seniors who are on track to meet graduation requirements and students enrolled in alternative education programs.

**BACKGROUND**

Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-2320 requires districts to ensure at least 92% of all students in the district and at least 80% of students at each school are scheduled to receive a minimum number of hours of instructional time. Districts report on this annually as part of their required Division 22 reporting.

The state provides that selected groups of students may be exempted from the requirement and not included in the district's calculation of instructional time, with approval of the local school board and with reporting to the board of demographic information for the students exempted. These exemptions have been approved annually by the board since the return to in person instruction in September 2021.

Oregon school districts may exempt seniors who are on track to graduate, thereby allowing students to have a late start or early release which accommodates work, sports, participation in higher education courses, etc. Across the district, 2,336 students are eligible for this exemption. These students have the following demographic characteristics:

Race/Ethnicity	
Asian	476
Black/African American	66
Hispanic/Latinx	506
Multiracial	179
Native American/Alaskan Native	9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	14
White	1086

Gender	
F	1143
M	1174
X	19

English Language Learners	102
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Students with Disabilities	162
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Similarly, students in an alternative education program may be exempted from this instructional minutes requirement. Within BSD, 97 students enrolled in the Passages program at the Merlo Campus have personalized education plans allowing time for credit recovery and post high school planning. These students typically attend 2.5 hours/day, 4 days/week.

Race/Ethnicity	
Asian	3
Black/African American	6
Hispanic/Latinx	51
Multiracial	6
Native American/Alaskan Native	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	29

Gender	
F	46
M	48
X	3

English Language Learners	9
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Students with Disabilities	25
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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the school board approve exemptions to the instructional time requirement for both seniors on track to meet graduation requirements and students in the Passages program at the Merlo Campus.