

Grade	Current #'s (2/25/25) - 69 Total	Potential #'s for SY 25.26 - 88	Potential Teacher
K	7	10+	Waverek
1	6	7+	Waverek
2	18	6+	Dapkus
3	19	18+	Dapkus
4	10	19+	Naylor
5	9	10+	Sederlin
6		9+	Sederlin

Students to break even 25-26: **67.38**
 Potential ADM with K-5: **70+** x 10,882 = 757,400
 Potential ADM with K-6: **88+** x 10,822 = 952,336
 Budget for SY 25-26 - \$733,239

Proposal for Expanding Learn at Home Oregon (LaHO) to K-6 for SY 25-26

Learn at Home Oregon has successfully provided a high-quality online education experience for students in grades K-5. As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 school year, we have an opportunity to expand our program to include 6th grade. This expansion aligns with our growth projections, strengthens student retention, and enhances financial sustainability. With careful planning, LaHO can accommodate this change while maintaining current staffing levels and operational costs. All LaHO staff support a shift to K-6.

Key Benefits of Expanding to K-6

1. Increased Enrollment and Financial Stability

- Current projections estimate an enrollment increase from **69 to 88 students** next year.
- Expanding to **K-6 would generate approximately \$952,336 in ADM revenue**, compared to **\$757,400 for K-5**.
- The **break-even enrollment is 67.38 students**, ensuring the expansion remains financially viable.
- Additional revenue can support long-term growth, program enhancements, and student services.

Opportunity for Growth Without Increasing Overhead

- The proposed expansion allows us to **grow student enrollment while maintaining the same number of teachers**.
- **Multi-grade classrooms** are already a successful model at LaHO and will continue to be implemented effectively.
- A **structured K-6 program strengthens retention**, keeping students engaged before they transition to middle school.

Improved Student Retention and Continuity

- Many families prefer schools that provide **long-term stability** for their children.
- Offering a **K-6 option reduces student attrition**, allowing families to remain with LaHO longer.

- Parents seeking consistency for their children will be more likely to enroll if they know their child can stay through 6th grade.
- Parents of current 5th graders have expressed interest in staying with our program if there is a 6th grade, **while others have asked if their student could be held back to 5th grade** just so they do not have to leave.

Meeting the Demand for Virtual Learning

- Interest in **online education** continues to grow, especially among younger students.
- A full **K-6 program makes LaHO more competitive** with other virtual programs and homeschool alternatives.
- Families with multiple children will benefit from the convenience of a **single school enrollment** for all elementary grades.

Support for Special Education (SPED) Needs

- A K-6 structure provides **continuity of IEP services**, reducing transitions and disruptions in learning.
- SPED students benefit from a **consistent virtual learning environment** tailored to their needs.
- Projected **SPED enrollment underscores the importance of maintaining consistent support** across multiple grades, ensuring students receive the resources they need to succeed while allowing for effective planning to balance workloads and maintain program quality.

Strengthening School Identity and Community

- A **K-6 model fosters a strong school culture** where students, parents, and teachers feel a deeper connection.
- **Longer student tenure** improves engagement and participation in school activities.
- A **stronger sense of belonging** encourages positive word-of-mouth recommendations, helping LaHO attract new families and grow enrollment.

Expanding Learn at Home Oregon to **K-6 is a strategic and financially sound decision** that will enhance student retention, ensure fiscal sustainability, and strengthen our school's reputation. With minimal additional costs, we can **increase enrollment, provide a stable learning environment, and meet the growing demand for online education.**