

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 school 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.

During the 2023–24 school year, Beaverton schools were closed for 3.5 student days due to a severe ice storm in January. The Oregon Department of Education provided the option this year for school districts to request a waiver of 14 hours of required instruction time due to inclement weather, which the district applied for and was approved to receive.

With the approved weather waiver and an adjustment in passing times at one high school, the hours of instruction offered by Beaverton schools meet the minimum amount required by the state. However, not all students receive the full amount of instructional time offered in school schedules.

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:

- Students who have fulfilled all state requirements for graduation
- Students who at the start of their senior year are on track to exceed graduation requirements
- Students who are earning credits toward a diploma through accelerated learning classes
- Students enrolled in alternative education programs

Each year, the school district must report to the local school board the total number of students disaggregated by relevant sociodemographic group that have been exempted from the instructional time requirements under this exemption. The number of students in 2023–24 who will not be included in the calculation of the instructional time requirement, if approved by the board, are:

- 2,124 seniors on track to meet graduation requirements at the beginning of the 2023–24 year:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	7
Asian	407
Black	49
Hispanic/Latino	404
Multi-racial	195
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	13
White	1049

Female	1074
Male	1037
Non-Binary	13
English Language Learners	59
Students with Disabilities	135

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- 226 students enrolled in alternative education programs at the Merlo Campus including Community School, Passages, GED Prep, and Home Instruction. These students use flexible time options and were assessed prior to placement in the program.

American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
Asian	4
Black	8
Hispanic/Latino	108
Multi-racial	19
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	84

Female	103
Male	110
Non-Binary	13

English Language Learners	27
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Students with Disabilities	71
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the school board approve exemptions to the instructional time requirement for seniors on track to meet graduation requirements and students in alternative education programs.