

Board Talking Points**February 2026**

Graduation Rates ODE recently released the 2025 graduation rates. Our eastern Oregon schools have much to be proud of! Once again, the 21 districts in the IMESD service area demonstrated sustained success and a strong commitment to students. Summarizing data is as follows:

County	Graduation Rate	Adjusted Cohort	Graduates
State of Oregon	83%	48,563	40,319
Baker	77.5%	839*	650
Morrow	96.8%	187	181
Umatilla	89%	1028	915
Union	92.7%	273	253

- Six Districts had 100% graduation rates: Ione, Helix, Pilot Rock, Ukiah, Imbler, North Powder.
- 16 of 21 districts had graduation rates above the state average.
- All of the CTE concentrators (3 credits in one program of study) in our region graduated at rates of 95% and above with the exception of Baker Web Academy at 93.1%, which is remarkably 24% above their all-student graduation rate of 69%.

Legislative Update The 2026 short session begins this month. Transportation and immigration will receive the primary focus. For K-12 education, we need to hold tight with our message, “No cuts, use reserves” to protect the \$11.4 billion SSF biennial allocation.

MISSION

To provide outstanding customer service to our school districts in four areas: special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative services. IMESD strives to ensure the success of every child by providing equitable services to close the opportunity gap.