



Southern Oregon Success Academy Monthly Newsletter

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McKinney-Vento Act

Life circumstances can change quickly. If your family is currently in between homes, staying with others due to economic hardship, or living in a temporary setting, we want to ensure your child's education remains stable. Through the McKinney-Vento Act, our school provides specific resources and rights to students who do not have a permanent home address at this time. You are not alone, and we are here to help. We are committed to keeping your child learning, regardless of your housing situation. If you believe you may qualify for support, or simply want more information, please contact the school's main office at (541) 476-2524.



McKinney-Vento Program Support for Families Experiencing Housing Instability

The McKinney-Vento Act ensures that children and youth experiencing homelessness are provided uninterrupted access to education and services despite the lack of a fixed, adequate, nighttime place of residence.

Housing instability may look like...

- ⇒ Doubled-up with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- ⇒ Living in a motel or shelter/transitional home
- ⇒ Living in a car, tent, etc.
- ⇒ Living in unsafe or inadequate conditions such as a house or building without electricity or plumbing.

Support may include...

- ⇒ Immediate school enrollment
- ⇒ Remaining in school of origin
- ⇒ Transportation to and from school of origin
- ⇒ School supplies and clothing
- ⇒ Participation in school activities and programs
- ⇒ Support from your school's Family Advocate

For more information, or to see if you qualify for McKinney Vento support, please contact your school's main office and ask for the Family Advocate.

Holiday Fun at SOSA!

Get ready to celebrate the season with Holiday Spirit Week and a delicious holiday meal! We have a packed week coming up of festive fun planned for our students, culminating in a delicious meal for the whole family. Take a break from cooking and come enjoy this time with your student and our school staff. Please RSVP by December 8th for the Holiday Meal by calling (541) 476-2524. Adults are \$7, non-enrolled children are \$5, and students eat free. Students, don't forget to show your Holiday Spirit and dress up!



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Student Council Community Garden

We are thrilled to announce that the SOSA Student Council has been awarded a JCF Grant! This funding will be used to launch an exciting new project: a Community Garden. Our school leaders worked hard to secure these funds to create a space where students can learn about sustainability and give back to our community. This project allows our students to get their hands in the soil, moving beyond textbooks to learn the science of agriculture, the patience of cultivation, and the biology of growing diverse plant species. We can't wait to break ground and start growing!



SOSA Work Crew Hard at Work!

Our Work Crew and Project Youth+ have been busy this season, rolling up their sleeves to give back to our community. This program is designed to bridge the classroom and the real world. Whether they are managing burn piles, clearing forestry debris, or raking leaves, our students are doing more than just chores. They are learning the value of hard work, communication, community service, punctuality, teamwork, safety awareness, and a strong work ethic—that will serve them in their future careers.



SOSA Trip to the Shakespeare Festival!

Thanks to Project Youth+, our high schoolers recently took a front-row seat to culture! We visited the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland to watch *Shane*, a powerful stage adaptation of the classic Western novel. This experience offered a unique energy that textbooks simply can't match, and gave our students the chance to see professional actors bring a story to life, helping them connect with literature in a tangible, emotional way. It was a fantastic day of expanding horizons and appreciating the arts as a tool for understanding the world around us.



SPED Office Hours

If you have a student who has an IEP, please contact Allyson Kelley, Special Education Teacher for SOSA. You can contact Allyson to set up a time to discuss added support for your student. Please call 541-476-2524 ext. 5211 or email allyson.kelley@3rsd.org.

Coding Camp

Interested high school students are invited to apply for Coding Camp. This is a unique opportunity to dive into the world of technology. Learn how to analyze data, solve problems creatively, and how to code. This is a beginner-friendly environment so no experience is necessary. Applications are now open until December 20th. See the flyer below for more details!

CODING CAMP 2026

Future-Ready Starts Here. Now taking Applications! Scholarships available! Until Dec 20, 2026

Learn to code. Analyze data. Build AI. At SOSA, we make it fun and achievable to gain the tech skills shaping tomorrow's world. Our 2026 Coding Camps empower young adults to learn Python, explore Data Science, and create with PyTorch AI Developer—the same tools used by innovators across the globe.

With hands-on projects, supportive instructors, and a community that believes in your potential, you'll build confidence, real-world experience, and the skills to thrive in a tech-driven future.

No experience needed—just curiosity, creativity, and the drive to grow.

Build Skills. Build Confidence. Build Your Future.

- Python Starts Jan 12, ends Apr 23, 2026
- *NEW! We have split Python into 2 pathways that will run at the above stated dates. You can apply for either: Web/App Developer or Game Developer.
- Python for Data Science Starts May 11 ends July 23, 2026
- AI Developer Starts Aug 10, ends Dec 10, 2026

<https://forms.gle/Ge3VKhq7ZP3DNr18>

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