



## ELEVATING STUDENT VOICE

The Oregon Department of Education is deeply committed to helping each and every student learn, grow, and thrive. ODE is also committed to providing opportunities for feedback and input to continuously improve education experiences for all students in Oregon. The Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey will help ODE gather information about the educational experiences of students in Oregon. This information will help ODE to develop appropriate resources and supports for districts in Oregon, and better target those resources where they are most needed. SEED Survey data may also help districts develop a fuller picture of their local contexts and make strategic modifications to curriculum, instruction, and related academic supports that they offer students.

## THE SEED SURVEY...

- **...provides opportunity to hear directly from students.** The SEED Survey gives students the opportunity to voice their experiences in Oregon's education system.
- **...is designed to capture students' sense of belonging and experiences at school.** The survey asks students about their access to learning resources, learning opportunities, self-efficacy beliefs, and sense of belonging.
- **...is available to meet the needs of all students.** Students have access to the same accessibility supports that are available to them on statewide assessments. An Alternate SEED Survey is also available, designed for students experiencing significant cognitive disabilities.
- **...takes 10-20 minutes to complete.** The SEED survey is brief and contains multiple choice questions for grades 3-11 and additional open-ended questions for grades 6-11.
- **...is confidential.** Student responses on the survey are confidential unless a student response indicates potential harm to the student or to others. When a student response is flagged as a potential crisis alert, the student's response is shared with local school staff to ensure student safety. Except in the case of a potential crisis alert, individual student responses on the SEED Survey are not shared at the school, district, and state levels. SEED Survey responses are securely stored and viewed only by a few staff members at ODE for the purposes of data analysis and preparing the survey data to be reported in ways that protect student confidentiality.

## DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

Oregon law (ORS 329.078) requires each school district to make the SEED Survey available to students in grades 3-11. Parents or guardians may decline, either verbally or in writing, to have their student participate in the SEED Survey. Schools will provide parents with notice of administration and the process for declining participation at least 5 days prior to administering the SEED Survey. Students may also decline, at any time, either verbally or in writing to participate. Students may also decline to answer individual questions on the SEED survey.

## STATEWIDE ADMINISTRATION WINDOW

The SEED Survey will be administered within the statewide window indicated below. Schools and districts will determine specific administration days and times.

### Grades 3-11

02/03/2026 — 06/12/2026

## STAY INFORMED

For additional information and to review the SEED Survey, visit the Oregon Department of Education's [SEED Survey webpage](#) or scan the QR code to the right. School and district staff can answer additional questions.

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN RIGHTS FOR SURVEY PARTICIPATION

Oregon law (ORS 329.078) permits parents or guardians to decline, either verbally or in writing, to have their student participate in the SEED Survey. The school shall provide any student who is excused from participating in the SEED Survey with supervised study time (or another learning activity) while other students are completing the survey.

- If you would like your student to participate in the SEED Survey, **no further action is required.**
- If you do not want your student to participate in the SEED Survey, **please complete one of the options below.**
  - To help your student's school efficiently plan, please submit this form or contact your student's school at least one day prior to the first day of survey administration.

### OPTION 1

To decline in writing, please complete this section and return this form to your student's school.

Student's Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Enrolled Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by signing this form I am declining to have my student participate in the SEED Survey for the current academic year only.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTION 2

To decline verbally, please contact your student's school by phone or visit in-person. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Student's legal name (first and last)
- Student's enrolled grade
- Your name (as the student's parent/guardian)
- Verbal confirmation that you would like to decline participation in the SEED Survey for your student