



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

January 20, 2022

Appreciating Our School Board:

The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) appropriately calls them “Super Heroes! Our School Board members in Philomath certainly fit this distinction.

“Even during a pandemic, it’s worth taking time to thank our elected school board members for charting the future of our students and communities. The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) has set aside the month of January to honor the unpaid, elected volunteers who serve Oregon’s 197 local school boards, our 19 education service district boards, and our 17 community college boards.” (OSBA, January 2022)

On behalf of the Philomath School District, I would like to recognize and thank our local School Board members for giving their time and energy to our schools and community. Thank you Anton Grube, Joe Dealy, Erin Gudge, Karen Skinkis, and Rick Wells. We appreciate you!

High School Graduation:

- State data released today reflecting graduation rates for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The statewide graduation rate for the cohort class of 2020-2021 was 80.6%, the second highest rate ever recorded in Oregon.
- Philomath High School Data:

Student Group	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Completer Rate	19-20 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	91.09%	95.05%	90.35%
Male	88.68%	94.34%	86.44%
Female	93.75%	>95.00%	94.55%
Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	83.33%
White	89.77%	94.32%	92.71%
Economically Disadvantaged	85.71%	88.57%	86.67%
CTE Participants	93.88%	>95.00%	>95.00%

- A **cohort graduation rate** follows the students who are first-time high school students in a particular year and determines the percentage that graduate within a given time frame, such as four years.
- The **four-year cohort graduation rate** is the percentage of students in a cohort, adjusted for transfers into and out of the school, district, or state, that earn a standard diploma within four years of entering high school.
- The **four-year cohort completer rate** is similar to the graduation rate, but includes students who earned other completion credentials, such as extended and adult high school diplomas or GEDs, in the numerator.

- Philomath Academy Data:

Student Group	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Completer Rate	19-20 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	87.88%	90.91%	N/A
Male	90.48%	>95.00%	N/A
Female	83.33%	83.33%	N/A
Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	92.59%	92.59%	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged	85.71%	85.71%	N/A
CTE Participants	93.33%	93.33%	N/A

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- Kings Valley Charter School Data:

Student Group	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	20-21 Four-Year Cohort Completer Rate	19-20 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	84.62%	92.31%	83.33%

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Non-Traditional Book Study:

- Administrators studying Leverage Leadership 2.0 (Paul Bambrick-Santoyo).
- A practical guide to building exceptional schools

Oregon Statewide Assessment:

- Oregon Statewide Assessment Summative Assessments will be given to all students in grades 3-8 and 11. The tests consist of the following:
 - Language Arts (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Mathematics (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Science (Grades 5, 8, 11)
- The District encourages all students to participate in State Assessment as it provides essential data about student, school, and district goals.
- Opt-Out notices were mailed home to PHS students with Trimester 1 grade reports.
- Opt-Out notices will be sent to elementary and middle school families in late January/ early February with semester grade reports.

COVID Updates:

- Isolation and Quarantine:
 - Required time for quarantine has been lowered to five days—if symptom free.
 - The first day symptoms are noted should be considered “Day 0”.
 - When returning following five-day quarantine, individuals must consistently wear masks in all indoor school settings for days 6-10.
- Exposure Guidance:
 - Activities in **outdoor settings** are no longer considered for exposure; no need to quarantine.
 - If **universal masking** is followed in **indoor settings**, instances are no longer considered for exposure; no need to quarantine.
 - If **no universal mask protocols** are followed in **indoor settings**, instances are considered for exposure; follow quarantine guidance based on vaccine and symptom status.
 - When following **universal mask protocols**, students riding **school buses** are no longer considered to be a ‘close contact’.
- Test-to-Stay:
 - Can be used for students involved in:
 - Unmasked exposures where students or staff are actively eating or drinking.
 - Indoor athletics where masks are not typically worn.
- Fully Vaccinated Status:
 - For individuals ≥ 18 years of age:
 - Completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within the last five months **and** received booster dose.
 - Completed primary series of Johnson & Johnson within the last two months **and** received booster dose.
 - For individuals 5-17 years of age:
 - Completed primary series of Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J.

Dates to Remember:

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| • January 28 th (Friday) | No School for Students – Conference, Grading Day |
| • January 31 st (Monday) | COVID Vaccination Clinic @ 4:00pm-7:30pm
(PHS Library) |
| • February 1 st (Tuesday) | Special Education Advisory Committee @ 6:30pm |
| • February 7 th -11 th (M-F) | School Counselor Appreciation Week |
| • February 14 th (Monday) | PHS Booster Club @ 6:30pm |
| • February 16 th (Wednesday) | Philomath School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm (DO) |
| • February 16 th (Wednesday) | Samaritan Awards @ 7:00pm (PHS) |
| • February 19 th (Saturday) | Polar Plunge |
| • February 21 st (Monday) | Snow Make-Up Day |
| • February 24 th (Thursday) | Oregon West Conference Jazz Band League Contest |