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Outdoor School Pathway to Participation for Private School Students:

A clarification for using Measure 99 funds for students who regularly attend private schools.

Friends of Outdoor School, the Gray Family Foundation, and the Oregon State University Extension Service Outdoor School Program are committed to ensuring outdoor school for every Oregon 5th or 6th grade student. This document seeks to provide clarification around the path for private school students' participation in outdoor school.

Measure 99 funds are limited to students who reside in Oregon and are enrolled in a public school or charter school. Many public schools currently allow temporary enrollment for homeschool and/or private school students in order to access services such as special education, sports programs, and foreign language courses. Similarly, families of private school or homeschooled students may, at the discretion of the local district, temporarily enroll their students in their local public school for the duration of outdoor school programming offered by that district. Any student enrolled as a public school student at the time of outdoor school would be able to attend the district's public school outdoor school programming through Measure 99 funds.

Enrollment decisions are determined by individual districts. As a result, local public school districts' policies may vary. Families are encouraged to work with their current schools to seek guidance on enrolling their students (dual enrollment) for the purpose of outdoor school for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Quick Facts:

- Students must be enrolled (or dually enrolled) in and attend a public school district's official outdoor school programming to be eligible for Measure 99 funding
- Private schools may not apply for Measure 99 funds directly
- Districts may begin including dually enrolled students for the sole purpose of outdoor school on the 2019-2020 funding application (to launch early spring 2019)
- Back payments or reimbursements for private school students who previously attended outdoor school through a public school program are not available for the 2017-2018 (first year of Measure 99 funding)
- Private schools who wish to conduct their own outdoor school programming may continue to apply for funding through the [Gray Family Foundation](#)

On behalf of all of us, thank you for your continued interest and support of Outdoor School in Oregon. For more information, please visit the [Friends of Outdoor School](#) or the [Oregon State University Extension Outdoor School Program](#) web pages.