



Leading Oregon to a safe, clean, and sustainable energy future.

The Oregon Department of Energy has been serving Oregon public schools statewide for more than 40 years.

We provide expertise to support energy efficiency practices and projects, which helps our schools create improved learning environments for the next generation of Oregonians.

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Oregon's Energy Efficient Schools



We help schools:

- Understand energy use
- Identify improvements
- Connect with resources
- And more!



Beaver Creek Elementary School is home to about 500 K-5 students, just southeast of Oregon City. The Oregon Department of Energy issued a Small-scale Energy Loan so Beaver Creek could invest in more comfortable, energy-efficient classrooms. Not only did the project save energy and money on utility bills, students no longer have to wear their coats in class to keep warm!

La Grande School District

in Eastern Oregon worked with us and the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative to secure a grant to update interior and exterior lighting at five schools. The improvements have brightened up classrooms and increased safety in parking lots, thanks to energy-efficient LEDs.



Nestucca Valley School District called us for advice. The elementary school needed a new, efficient heating system, but school officials weren't sure where to start. A team of our energy experts and private partners collaborated to give the district options that could meet the urgent need for a new heating system, while also working within the district's limited budget.

Our public schools are a vital part of our community, helping the next generation of Oregonians learn and thrive. The **Oregon Department of Energy Schools Team** has proudly worked with every school district – statewide – on energy-saving ideas and projects.

Where do I start?

Our Schools Team wants to hear from you. Tell us about your district’s energy use and project needs. Are your buildings too cold? Running up high electricity bills? Leaking air through outdated windows? Do you have several projects, but you’re not sure where to start?

Our experts have the passion and expertise to help your school or district find the right path to help your school run more efficiently and save money.



What services can the Schools Team provide?

Expertise and Advice

Tell us what your school needs to be successful. We’re here to listen and brainstorm solutions with you. We can help you assess your buildings’ needs, prioritize and plan projects, and talk about what makes sense for your schools and students.

Energy Partners and Resources

The Oregon Department of Energy’s team can connect with you with our energy partners, including the U.S. Department of Energy and Better Buildings, ENERGY STAR Schools, Oregon utilities, and others.

Educational Opportunities

Our engineers and experts enjoy visiting classrooms at all learning levels, from joining Career Day panels to talking about basic energy concepts, energy saving tips, and supporting student “green teams.”



What financial or incentive programs are available to my school?

Resources may be available through your local utilities.

Public Purpose Charge (SB 1149) Schools Program

Senate Bill 1149 requires that Oregon’s two largest investor-owned utilities, Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp, collect a “public purpose charge” from customers. Ten percent of those funds are provided for energy efficiency projects in public schools within the PGE and PacifiCorp service areas.



Energy Saving Performance Contracting

Performance contracting uses a single procurement method to complete a package of services through an energy services company (ESCO). The ESCO can provide “turn-key” services and perform energy efficiency improvements.

The ESCO guarantees the energy savings and delivers a project that should pay for itself in energy savings. We offer guidance to help schools understand how to use this service.

Why should schools invest in energy-efficient projects?

One of the main benefits to increasing your energy efficiency is lower utility bills!



In addition to saving money, energy-efficient buildings are typically more comfortable, provide better lighting, and have fewer energy-related maintenance issues. It all adds up to an improved learning and teaching environment for students and educators.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Schools Team is ready to help. Contact us at: **(503) 378-4040** or **(800) 221-8035**

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