

Teaching and Learning Innovation Awards

Celebrating Innovation with Smarter Balanced

Introduction

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) invites Oregon public school districts, including public charter schools and Education Service Districts (ESDs), to apply for the Teaching and Learning Innovation Awards.

The Teaching and Learning Innovation Awards seek to showcase creative approaches in using, generating, and sharing evidence from the Smarter Balanced Assessment System. We're looking for evidence-based strategies that support effective teaching practices and accelerate student learning. Smarter Balanced will offer up to \$10,000 to a public school district in Oregon.

Partner with us in revolutionizing education with Smarter Balanced! Submit your innovative practices today to improve teaching and learning outcomes for all students.

Award Purpose

The Teaching and Learning Innovation Awards aim to:

- Highlight and promote innovative practices using Smarter Balanced resources
- Inspire creative ideas for leveraging the Smarter Balanced Assessment System
- Increase awareness of the system's capacity to enhance teaching and learning goals

We welcome submissions that showcase innovative practices, strategies, methods, or interventions designed to enhance teaching.

Award Priorities

Priority will be given to strategies that accelerate student learning or enhance outcomes in areas such as:

- Narrowing achievement gaps
- Engaging students in assessments and instruction
- Learner-centered instruction (e.g., student agency, student voice, etc.)
- Evidence-based interventions
- Student mastery, competency, and personalized learning
- Data-driven and needs-based approaches

Award Value

Smarter Balanced will offer up to \$10,000 to a public school district in Oregon. Unused funds may be redistributed, and future awards may increase based on the program's success.



How to Apply

For details on the submission process, please visit the [awards website](#).

Requirements and Eligibility

For full details, please review the full **Requirements and Eligibility**. The Smarter Balanced tools and resources used within the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) include OSAS Interim Assessments in ELA and/or Math, Tools for Teachers, and using OSAS ELA and/or Math test results, including cross-sectional reports.

Timeline

For more information on the timeline, see the **Award Timeline**.

Note: Dates are subject to change based on member feedback and research.

Award Activity	
Program Announced to Public	Late September
Promotional Period	Late September – Late October
Application Period	Late October – Late January
Application Deadline	Late January
Review Committee Evaluation	January – March
Outreach to Awardees	March – June
Public Media Release	July – September

Questions?

You can submit questions to sb@smarterbalanced.org.

Learn More

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