# School Prayer Certificate of Compliance

# Title VIII Section 8524

As a condition of receiving funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), school districts must certify in writing to the Oregon Department of Education, that no policy of the school district prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools as detailed in February 7, 2003 guidance by the U.S. Department of Education.

“In accordance with this provision in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as Superintendent of the School District stated below, I certify under penalty of the law that this school district has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools as detailed in the constitutionally protected school prayer guidance provided by U.S. Department of Education, which I have reviewed.”

| School District Information |
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| **School District Name:** |
| **Address:** |
| **Superintendent or Designee Name:** |
| **Superintendent or Designee Signature:** |
| **Date Signed:** |

***Instructions:***

1. Fill out this form electronically and print out.
2. Have the Superintendent or Designee review the [guidance concerning school prayer](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html) (http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer\_guidance.html)
3. Have Superintendent or Designee review and sign form.
4. Scan and upload the filled out and signed form to the [CIP Budget Narrative – Assurances Submission Form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/39c7a815753049aea2222e093db96548) **by June 30, 2023.**

[This form can be found on the Oregon Department of Education’s CIP Budget Narrative – Spending Workbook webpage](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/Pages/BN.aspx) (<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/ESEA/Pages/BN.aspx>)