## **Volunteer Starter Packet for Signature Gathering**

Thank you for volunteering to gather petition signatures for Oregon's two School Choice measures! Please turn in all petition pages by June 30, 2024.



Please sign up as a volunteer at <u>LetThemLearnOregon.com</u> so you will be included in our Monday night 30-minute zoom calls and receive information!

Enclosed in this packet is the information and documents you will need to begin collecting petition signatures for our two education measures.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. Instructions on how to collect petition signatures
- 2. Summary of the two education measures
- 3. The double-sided Open Enrollment Petition Form \*
- 4. The actual Open Enrollment Amendment \*\*
- 5. The double-sided School Choice Petition Form \*
- 6. The actual School Choice Amendment \*\*

\*You will need to make more double-sided copies of each petition sheet to continue to gather signatures. We need to gather 160,000 petition signatures for each petition to get both measures on the Nov 2024 Ballot!

\*\*You will need to make sure there is a copy of each Amendment with you when you collect signatures—the Amendments need to be available for any potential signer to read.

Thank you again for helping with this HISTORIC School Choice movement!



# Instructions to Collect 10 line Petition Sheets for School Choice Amendment and Open Enrollment Amendment for the Nov 5, 2024 Ballot

- 1. Read the Circulator Training Manual: (use this link)
  <a href="https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/documents/circulator-training.pdf">https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/documents/circulator-training.pdf</a>
- Confirm that the signer is an active registered voter in Oregon. If the signer is unsure of whether he/she is an active registered voter in Oregon, ask them to check at <a href="https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx">https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx</a> and confirm whether he/she is an active registered voter and how his/her name appears on the registration;
- 3. If the signer is an active registered voter, and wants to sign the petition, please have him/her LEGIBLY sign their signature (as they signed on the voter registration), and then have them print the date (mm/dd/yy), their name, their address, including CITY and ZIP CODE;
- 4. You must watch as they sign; it is not enough to just be in the room;
- 5. Make sure you have a copy of each amendment with you. This official language should be available for the signer to read if he/she wants to;
- If the signer makes a mistake, have him/her cross it off and initial the mistake. Then he/she can write in the correct information and may use a new line if needed;
- 7. After you have filled up the 10 lines, (1) sign your name as the Circulator; (2) write the date (mm/dd/yy); (3) print your name; and (4) write out your address, with CITY and ZIP CODE; and
- 8. Mail all of the original 10 line petitions to Donna Kreitzberg, P.O. Box 3242, Tualatin, OR 97062-3242.

Thank you!

Education Freedom for Oregon, 971-716-4079

### Circulator Guidelines and Requirements

These guidelines and requirements apply to all petitions. Petition-specific guidelines and requirements are found in each <u>manual</u>.

#### Each petition circulator must:

- Personally witness all signatures collected, and should not collect additional signatures on the petition sheet once the circulator certification has been signed and dated.
- Complete the circulator certification by signing their legal signature, with a minimum of a first name initial and full last name.
- Provide the date when the certification was signed.

If additional signatures are gathered after the circulator certification has been signed and dated, the circulator must re-sign and re-date the certification.

#### It is against the law for circulators to:

- Circulate a petition containing a false signature.
- Make false statements to anyone who signs the petition or requests information about it.
- Try to obtain the signature of a person who is not qualified to sign the petition.
- Offer money or anything of value to another person to sign or not sign the petition.
- Sell or offer to sell signature sheets.
- Write, alter, correct, clarify or obscure any information about a signer unless the signer initials after the change is made.
  - A circulator may assist a disabled signer who requests assistance completing their printed name, address and date signed.
- For initiative, referendum and candidate nominating petitions, accept compensation to circulate a petition that is based on the number of signatures obtained.

Violations of the circulator requirements may result in conviction of a felony, with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to five years, in accordance with ORS 260.715.

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

These Oregon School Choice Amendments will give <u>parents the</u> <u>constitutionally protected right to choose the best form of schooling</u> for their child. For students not attending public school, parents will have the right to <u>receive a portion of Oregon's education dollars</u> to pay for private school/homeschool. These two Amendments <u>will remove artificial barriers and give families access to every education option</u>. All Oregon students deserve the opportunity for a great education!

#### **Open Enrollment Amendment**

- \*Parents whose child is not then subject to expulsion or suspension may choose to enroll their child in any age-appropriate public school in Oregon, including charter schools (parent must transport).
- \*The public school that the parents choose must enroll the child unless there is no classroom or program space at the school.
- \*If there are more applicants for the particular school than there are spaces available in the school, the school district will conduct an equitable lottery to give each child an equal opportunity to be selected and enrolled.
- \*Except as required by federal law, the chosen school district shall not be required to provide transportation outside of the attendance zone to the open enrollment student.
- \*To enable parents to make an informed decision about open enrollment, each school district shall make readily available to district parents detailed information about the statewide, year-round open enrollment application process, including a simple statewide application form, how and where to obtain and submit the application form and whom to contact with questions.
- \*The benefits and protections of this Open Enrollment Amendment apply to schooling provided July 1, 2025 onwards.

#### **School Choice Amendment**

- \*Parents whose children do not attend public school may choose to participate in School Choice and have a School Choice Account created for them.
- \*A portion of Oregon's education funds will be transferred to the School Choice Account as tax free funds, and administered by a nonprofit organization chosen by the parent (parent cannot access the funds).
- \*Parents may direct the money in the School Choice Account to be spent on School Choice Services for the education of their child, including private school tuition, homeschool curricula, nonpublic online programs, vocational training, educational services & therapies, computers, dual-credit classes, summer or specialized, after-school education programs, exam fees, transportation, tutors etc.
- \*The annual amount of funds transferred to a School Choice Account will be \$7,600 or more, depending on the state's total education budget.
- \*Unspent School Choice Account funds will roll over each year until the child completes high school, and the amount remaining upon graduation may be spent on college/university or vocational training within the state of Oregon.
- \*Once deposited into the School Choice Account, the Oregon education funds will NO LONGER be public funds.
- \*Participating parents and education providers will be in a separate exception from compulsory education at a public school.
- \*The State may not require a parent or educator using School Choice Account funds to change their creed, teaching credentials or qualifications, curricula, education practices or admission policy.
- \*The benefits and protections of this School Choice Amendment apply to schooling provided July 1, 2025 onwards.