

Signature Sheet | State Initiative



Petition ID

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November 5, 2024
General Election

i If this signature sheet is on white paper the circulator is a volunteer and is not being paid to gather signatures.

SOME circulators **NO** circulators for this petition are being paid.

To the Secretary of State of Oregon: I am an active Oregon voter and request this petition be placed on the ballot for approval or rejection at the election listed.

Amends Constitution: State funds provided for private, religious, homeschool, tuition/expenses when parent declines K-12 public school

i It is against the law to sign a petition more than one time. Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.

Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Print Name

Residence or Mailing Address street, city, zip code

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Circulator Certification This certification **must** be completed by the circulator and additional signatures **should not** be collected on this sheet once the certification has been signed and dated! I hereby certify that I witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on the signature sheet, and I believe each person is a voter qualified to sign the petition (ORS 250.045). I also hereby certify that compensation I received, if any, was not based on the number of signatures obtained for this petition.

Circulator Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy Initial any change you make to the date signed.

Printed Name of Circulator

Circulator's Address street, city, zip code

Sheet Number

Completed by Chief Petitioner

Amends Constitution: State funds provided for private, religious, homeschool, tuition/expenses when parent declines K-12 public school

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote provides state funds for private, religious, homeschool, tuition/other education expenses when parent declines K-12 public school; funding based on public school distributions.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote retains current law. No constitutional requirement of state funds for private school/homeschool; funds for religious institutions prohibited. Some funds for private programs.

Summary: Amends Constitution. Currently, Oregon Constitution requires state funding of public schools. Statutes permit funding some private programs, including alternative education programs. Constitution prohibits funding religious institutions. Measure requires state to provide funds for K-12 private/religious schools, homeschooling, tuition, and other education expenses (including technology, transportation, administrative costs) when parent declines public school. State determines “basic school support funding amount,” which must be greater of \$9,500 or average amount per student provided to school districts. When requested, state must deliver 80% of basic support amount to an account, administered by nonprofit parent chooses, for educational services. May use funds remaining after high school for colleges, vocational schools in Oregon. Those receiving funds need not change creed, education practices, admissions policy, curriculum. Applies starting July 2025.

A full and correct copy of the text of the initiative petition is available from chief petitioners.

Chief Petitioners

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Instructions for Circulators

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign a petition. Ask each signer if they are an active registered voter in Oregon.
- 2 A single circulator must personally witness all signatures collected on any one signature sheet. After witnessing each signature on a sheet, use a pen to sign and date the circulator certification.
- 3 Initial any changes you make to the date you signed the certification. A complete list of allowable circulator certification corrections is provided in the Circulator Training Manual available at www.oregonvotes.gov.
- 4 **It is against the law for circulators to:**
 - Circulate a petition containing a false signature.
 - Make false statements to any person who signs the petition or requests information about it.
 - Attempt 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 the signers unless the signer is disabled and requests assistance or the signer initials after the changes are made.
 - Accept compensation to circulate a petition that is based on the number of signatures obtained.

! Warning 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 5 years.

Instructions for Signers

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign a petition. Use a pen to sign your name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Provide the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address. Only you may complete this optional information.
- 3 Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.
- 4 **It is against the law for signers to:**
 - Sign another person’s name under any circumstances.
 - Sign a petition more than one time.
 - Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

SCHOOL CHOICE AMENDMENT

Whereas, every Oregon child deserves an equal opportunity to receive a quality education;

Whereas, an Oregon family's zip code or income level should not be a barrier to what education their children receive;

Whereas, parents are now aware that education comes in different forms, some of which do not fit the needs of their children;

Whereas, no child should be trapped in a particular school or form of schooling that does not fit the educational needs of the child;

Whereas, parents have the primary right and duty to educate their children;

Whereas, parents are uniquely aware of what is best for their children;

Whereas, parents want to choose the schooling options to ensure that their children receive the best education possible;

Therefore, Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SCHOOL CHOICE AMENDMENT

1. This Section is added to Article VIII of the Oregon Constitution. This Section shall be called the School Choice Amendment.
2. Each Parent has the right to choose the school which the Parent's Child attends as provided in this Section.
3. For purposes of this Section:
 - a. "Parent" means an Oregon resident who is a parent, guardian, custodian or other person with the authority to act on behalf of the Child.
 - b. "Child" means an Oregon resident of school attendance age for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade ("K-12") who is eligible to enroll in an Oregon K-12 public school.
 - c. "School Choice Option" means the education of the Child that is not received in an Oregon K-12 public school setting. This includes education received at a private school, in a homeschool setting or with School Choice Services.
 - d. "School Choice Account" or "SCA" means an account created for a Parent that is administered by a nonprofit organization.
 - e. "School Choice Services" means the items or services that a Parent can purchase using the SCA, including tutoring; educational services and therapies; exam and testing fees; computer hardware, technological devices, educational software and applications; school uniforms; textbooks, curricula or other instructional materials, including any supplemental materials; tuition and fees for private schooling,

homeschooling, nonpublic online learning programs, vocational, life-skills, career or technical schooling, dual-credit classes, and postsecondary institutions of higher education; fees for summer or specialized, after-school education programs; transportation fees paid to a fee-for-service transportation provider; and management fees for the SCA charged by the nonprofit organization administering the SCA.

- f. "School Year" means the time Oregon public school students receive education services during a twelve-month period. For funding calculation purposes, this includes any times that government funding is transferred during each twelve-month period.
 - g. "Eligibility Date" means the date that the Child will no longer be enrolled in an Oregon K-12 public school as attested to by the Parent in the Notice described in Section 5. In the years after the Parent first attests that the Child will no longer be enrolled in an Oregon K-12 public school, and provided the Child remains unenrolled in an Oregon K-12 public school, the eligibility date means the date that is the first day of the school year for the school district in which the Child resides.
 - h. "Basic School Support Funding Amount" means for each School Year, from the funding appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for schools, the greater of (i) \$9,500; or (ii) the average amount per public school student of the state school fund formula revenue for distribution to school districts and education service districts.
 - i. "School Choice Funds" means Eighty Percent (80%) of the Basic School Support Funding Amount.
4. As a method of voluntary school choice, a Parent has the right to choose the School Choice Option with funding in a School Choice Account for the Parent's Child.
5. A Parent who chooses the School Choice Option with funding in a School Choice Account shall be entitled to receive School Choice Funds provided the Child is not enrolled in and attending an Oregon K-12 public school.
- a. To elect to receive a School Choice Account, a Parent shall notify the state agency overseeing education (the "Agency") at any of its offices, by the Parent's choice of hand delivery, postal first-class mail, email or similar method. The notice shall inform the Agency (i) the Parent intends to opt-out of their assigned public school and receive a School Choice Account; (ii) the Child's name and the Eligibility Date; and (iii) the name and address of the nonprofit organization chosen by the Parent to administer the School Choice Account (the "Notice").
 - b. For a Parent eligible to receive School Choice Funds, a Parent's election to receive funding in a School Choice Account on behalf of the Child shall automatically renew each year through the year the Child completes high school unless earlier terminated by written notice of termination to the Agency from the Parent. The

Parent's Notice and receipt of School Choice Funds shall satisfy Oregon's compulsory school attendance requirements.

6. The School Choice Funds shall be deposited into the Parent's School Choice Account at the nonprofit organization chosen by the Parent; the funds, and any interest or earnings on the funds, shall be considered tax-free funds.
 - a. The Agency shall transfer the School Choice Funds to the nonprofit organization on the same distribution schedule that the Agency transfers the legislative appropriation of funds to school districts across the state, but in no event less frequently than monthly with the first monthly transfer beginning in the month following the month in which the Agency received the Parent's Notice. The amount of School Choice Funds delivered by the Agency to the School Choice Account shall be prorated for the portion of the School Year beginning on the Eligibility Date.
 - b. School Choice Funds, once deposited into a School Choice Account, are no longer public funds.
 - c. Any SCA funds left over yearly will roll over, and after the Child completes high school, any remaining SCA funds may be used to pay for School Choice Services at a college, university, vocational or trade school in Oregon.
7. A Parent who receives funding in a School Choice Account under this Section may use the funds in the School Choice Account to pay third parties for the School Choice Services for the Child.
8. Neither the Parent nor the education providers who receive or use School Choice Funds will be required by the state to change their creed, education practices, teaching credentials or qualifications, admission policy or curricula. The actions of the Parent and education providers will not be deemed to be the actions of the state.
9. This Section applies to schooling provided from July 1, 2025, onwards.

