

## SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

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