

# Education Services Newsletter



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Please forward and share widely. You can be the connection for educators, students, and families who will find important supports via this newsletter!

This is your place to find updates about programs and services — available through Douglas Education Service District’s Education Services Department along with collaborating organizations and districts.

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## Last Chance! Oregon Statewide Transition Conference

*March 12-14, 2025*

Do you want to know more about transition and supporting students through the process of achieving their post secondary goals? Register for the [Oregon Statewide Transition Conference](#) at the Graduate Hotel in Eugene, OR.

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NOV 20, 2024 - APR 23, 2025  
5:00PM - 7:00PM

# Teacher Growth

## Professional Learning Series



### Teacher Growth Professional Learning Series

#### Next Session: Practical Differentiation Strategies

*March 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm*

*Practical Differentiation Strategies*

*Presenter: Beth Yarbrough*

*1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg, OR 97470 - Deer Creek Room*

*All sessions are open to any participants until full.*

Are you looking for effective ways to support students who finish early or need additional help? Join us to explore strategies for differentiating your lessons to accommodate a range of ability levels. We'll cover techniques for maximizing lesson time and filling those last few minutes when a lesson doesn't go as planned. Enhance your teaching toolkit and ensure every student stays engaged and challenged! Join the [Teacher Growth Professional Learning Series](#) to gain practical strategies for classroom management, student engagement, and collaborative learning, while enhancing your teaching toolkit in a supportive, hands-on environment!

Questions? Contact Beth Yarbrough at [beth.yarbrough@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:beth.yarbrough@douglasesd.k12.or.us).

### Professional Learning: Tribal History/Shared History

*Friday, April 11th, 2025 from 9:15am - 11:30am*

*Ford Family Foundation, 1600 NW Stewart Pkwy, Roseburg, OR 97471*

*Lunch provided. Funding for substitutes available upon request.*

For Douglas County school administrators and administrator designees to learn about ODE requirements for teaching Tribal History/Shared History. Explore Cow Creek's TH/SH curriculum and provide input on 2025-26 professional development for teachers.



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EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
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# TRIBAL HISTORY/ SHARED HISTORY

## Professional Development

For Douglas County school administrators and administrator designees



**Click to Register!**

Learn about ODE requirements, explore Cow Creek's TH/SH curriculum and provide input on 2025-26 professional development for teachers.

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**  
**9:15 am-11:30 am**  
Ford Family Foundation  
1600 NW Stewart Pkwy  
Roseburg, OR 97471

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 13, now referred to as Tribal History/Shared History (TH/SH). This bill was the culmination of decades of curriculum development and organizing by the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon. This law directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to create K–12 Native American curriculum in partnership with the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon.

The law also directs ODE to provide professional development for educators and provide funds to each of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon to create place-based curriculum. In recent years, the pandemic limited many schools' ability to implement this important work, so Douglas ESD is supporting educators with professional learning opportunities like this one.

For questions, contact:  
[beth.yarbrough@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:beth.yarbrough@douglasesd.k12.or.us).

**Register**

## Oregon Social Science Virtual Professional Learning Series

*April 1, 2025 in Pendleton April 29–30, 2025 in Bend*

[Register here by March 14, 2025](#)    [Register here by April 7, 2025](#)

*May 1–2, 2025 in Eugene*

[Register here by April 7, 2025](#)

*May 7, 2025 in Clackamas*

[Register here by April 7, 2025](#)

*Open to instructional leaders, teacher-leaders, instructional coaches, teachers on special assignment, and others providing professional learning and support to social science teachers. Registration will be confirmed based on site capacity.*

Registration is open for the Oregon Social Science Virtual Professional Learning Series! Join educators from across the state in this comprehensive professional learning opportunity designed to support the implementation of Oregon's updated 2024 [Social Science Standards](#). Each session explores practical strategies, allows you to engage with fellow educators, and offers tools to bring the new standards to life in your classroom. [Learn more about the Summit](#).

Contact [Tiffany Katanyoutanant](#) with questions.

## Civil Discourse Strategies for the Classroom

*March 4th, March 18th, and May 20th from  
5:00 - 8:00pm  
Roseburg Library  
Open to all K-12 educators\*  
Participants must attend all 3 sessions  
Dinner provided*

# CIVIL DISCOURSE STRATEGIES FOR THE CLASSROOM

Facilitated by Amanda Coven and Timaree Joe from Civics Learning Project



Scan the QR code



OR



March 4, March 18, and May 20

5 - 8pm

Roseburg Library

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### About Civil Discourse

The democratic systems of our republic require conversation and compromise to solve problems. As such, civil discourse is a vital skill for engaging respectfully with contentious topics. In this series, educators learn about strategies and practice techniques for managing difficult conversations, structuring meaningful dialogues, and creating a classroom environment where all voices are heard. The final session will be a showcase where educators share and present the impact of integrating civil discourse in their classrooms.

### Program Highlights

- Join this cohort if you'd like to:
1. Expand your toolbox and learn about new civil discourse strategies
  2. Gain confidence in facilitating authentic classroom discussions
  3. Have dedicated time to plan and implement new learnings
  4. Receive structured and ongoing support
  5. Connect and reflect with like-minded educators
  6. Get free dinner and PDUs

Questions?  
Email Amanda Coven at [acoven@civicslearning.org](mailto:acoven@civicslearning.org)

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ONCE A MONTH, 9/19/24 TO 7/9/25  
10 AM - 12 PM

## Elevate & Inspire Training Series for Youth Support Professionals



### Elevate & Inspire: Homework Help

Thursday, March 20th from 9 AM - 11 AM

This workshop explores staff practices to effectively support young people with academic efforts at any time by framing academic support as an opportunity to build relationships and nurture positive growth, beyond getting the work done. *Academic Support in Out-of-School Time.*

Register

# Youth Pride Art Program

TUESDAYS 5:30PM - 7:00PM  
APRIL 1ST THRU MAY 6TH (6 CLASSES)  
ALL DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH AGES 12-18



Douglas ESD & UVA bring you the Youth Pride Art Group, an after-school opportunity for students to meet once a week with a professional artist to learn new artistic skills and vocabulary, practice these skills, connect with other teens, and more! This is a FREE opportunity for all Douglas County youth ages 12-18. All you need to do is register through the simple form below!

Beyond learning and practicing new skills, students will have opportunities to take their creative ideas to the next level! Students that participate in the Youth Pride Art Group will be offered opportunities for their work to be shown in UVA's Student Gallery at the end of the term.

APPLY:



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Apply: <https://form.jotform.com/250347374344154>  
Contact: kristen.yohn@douglasesd.k12.or.us

**Register**

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*Tuesdays 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
April 1st thru May 6th (6 classes)  
Douglas County youth ages 12-18*

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**APRIL 2 - MAY 28, 2025 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM**  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS

# Rainbow Kitchen After-School Program

**COOK, LEARN, AND  
CELEBRATE DIVERSE  
CULTURES!**  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.



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rainbow kitchen



## Rainbow Kitchen After-School Program

*April 2 - May 28, 2025 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM  
High School Students: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
Middle School Students: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays*

Students are welcome to join Rainbow Kitchen, a fun and welcoming after-school cooking program where middle and high school students explore cultural foods, cooking skills, and community connections! Each session is led by an ESD facilitator, highlighting cultural food traditions tied to National Gardening Month, Middle Eastern Awareness Month, and Asian/Pacific Islander Month.

# Student Registration



*Family/Loved One Peer Group*

5:30 - 7:30 PM  
ROSEBURG LIBRARY  
ALL WELCOME

FEBRUARY 6, 2025  
FEBRUARY 20  
MARCH 6  
MARCH 20  
APRIL 3  
APRIL 17  
MAY 1  
MAY 15  
MAY 29

Join us for a special gathering where family members and loved ones can come together to share experiences, insights, and encouragement as we navigate the journey of having an LGBTQIA+ loved one. This is a welcoming space to connect with others who understand, exchange stories, and explore ways to foster love and understanding within our families.

hosted by **DOUGLAS** EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
*Education Services*

Contact:  
kristen.yohn@douglasesd.k12.or.us

## Family/Loved One Peer Group

*April 3, 2025 from 5:30–7:30 PM  
Roseburg Library*

Kristen Yohn is hosting a Family and Loved One Peer Group at the Douglas County Library to provide a welcoming space for families and loved ones of LGBTQIA+ individuals. This group offers opportunities to share experiences, find encouragement, and explore ways to foster understanding and love within families. For more information, contact Kristen Yohn at [kristen.yohn@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:kristen.yohn@douglasesd.k12.or.us).

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**APRIL 5, 2025  
STUDENTS AGES 13-17**

*Theater & Communication Educational Combine*

A ONE-DAY, HANDS-ON THEATER EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

hosted by **DOUGLAS** EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
*Education Services*

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Douglas County Community Theater

## Theater & Communication Educational Combine

*April 5, 2025  
Students ages 13-17*

Students are welcome to join an immersive, no-cost theater experience designed for students of all skill levels. This one-day combine features workshops on improv techniques, acting fundamentals, and scene work, all led by experienced theater professionals. Participants will develop essential communication skills, teamwork, and stage presence—all while having fun!

# Student

**Boosting Reading Comprehension  
by Building and Using Prior Knowledge**

Complimentary Virtual Event for Educators in Grades 6-12

In the age of click-and-go reading, why do students need to know information when they can just look things up?

Bestselling author Kelly Gallagher argues that to think critically, it's imperative that we teach kids stuff. Lots of it. Why? Because students who know more are able to read more, and read better.

Building readers starts with building their knowledge.

In this engaging session, participants will learn how building knowledge:

- helps students overcome word poverty
- helps students read chapters and articles - an important skill in our digital age
- helps move students away from fake reading and back to reading full-length books

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
4:15 - 5:30 pm via Zoom

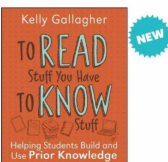
Register Now



Hosted by:



Kelly Gallagher taught at Magnolia High School in Anaheim, California for 35 years. He is the coauthor, with Penny Kittle, of *Four Essential Studies: Beliefs and Practices to Reclaim Student Agency*, as well as the bestselling *180 Days*. Kelly is considered one of the leading voices in adolescent literacy education.



20% off: Use code EXHB25  
Heinemann.com  
1-800-225-5800

Register

**Boosting Reading Comprehension  
by Building and Using Prior  
Knowledge**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

4:15 - 5:30 pm via Zoom

All grades 6-12 educators in Oregon and Washington are welcome to attend.

Co-sponsored by [Heinemann](#). (Not a sales presentation).

The Multnomah ESD is proud to host author Kelly Gallagher is considered one of the leading voices in adolescent literacy education, an author of nine books, and a veteran high school teacher in California. In the age of click-and-go reading, why do students need to know information when they can just look things up? In this session, participants will learn how building knowledge helps students overcome word poverty; read chapters and articles - an important skill in our digital age; and helps move students away from fake reading and back to reading full-length books.

**What is the STEAM Extravaganza?**



- ▶ The STEAM Extravaganza is an annual event that the Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub puts on.
- ▶ It provides an opportunity to show some of the wonderful activities and connections that people in Douglas County are making in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.
- ▶ The event is free!
- ▶ This is a family event that is filled with fun activities that showcase the projects and skills of various schools, clubs, non-profit groups, businesses, industry, and other organizations.
- ▶ This year it will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 AM-2 PM on the UCC Campus.



**Annual STEAM Extravaganza**

Saturday, May, 3 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm hosted by Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub on the UCC Campus

This is a family event that is filled with fun activities that showcase the projects and skills of various schools, clubs, non-profit groups, businesses, industry, and other organizations. It provides an opportunity to show some of the wonderful activities and connections that people in Douglas County are making in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Swivls Available!

Swivls are here to help enhance your teaching experience! These versatile recording devices are perfect for recording classroom sessions—whether you're a seasoned teacher refining your craft or a new teacher completing student teaching.

If you're interested in using a Swivl, email [beth.yarbrough@douglasesdk.12.or.us](mailto:beth.yarbrough@douglasesdk.12.or.us) to check one out today!

*Please feel free to forward this newsletter to the educators and colleagues you work with.  
If you are unable to forward it, kindly provide Kim Rencher at  
[kim.rencher@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:kim.rencher@douglasesd.k12.or.us) with a list of those who should receive it directly.  
Thank you for helping us spread the word about our valuable resources and opportunities.*



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