

2025

# HORIZONS



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# District Priorities

**#1**

Ensure High Levels  
of Learning  
for All Students

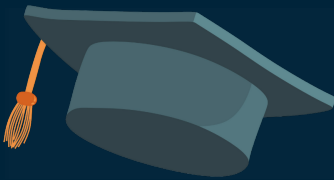
**#2**

Innovative Career  
Pathways  
for All Students

**#3**

Cultivation of  
Community

## Student Registration



## EPSD9 Newsroom



Eagle Point School District 9 is located in the stunning Rogue Valley in Southern Oregon. Our location in the Pacific Northwest offers remarkable experiences throughout all four seasons, ensuring there is always something new to discover. The area boasts fantastic outdoor activities and cultural experiences, including the wild and scenic Rogue River, the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, the Pacific Crest Trail, the Mt. Ashland Ski Resort, and the extraordinary Britt Festival.

Eagle Point School District 9 serves approximately 3,700 students across nine school locations in three communities.

## Career Opportunities





# JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



## Scan QR to Apply

Volunteers and community partners play an important role in Eagle Point School District 9. Each day in every school, volunteers support and encourage staff and students, take an active role in helping every student achieve. Through their contributions of time, energy, inspiration and expertise, volunteers often report that they receive more than they give.





## K-Bar Learning Center

The 8th-grade Introduction to Agriculture course for middle school students provides an opportunity for them to collaborate with the agriculture program at Eagle Point High School. EPHS Ag is currently in its third year of offering 8th-grade agriculture classes, with students from White Mountain Middle School bused to the high school in the morning and Eagle Point Middle School students attending in the afternoon. This program has experienced continuous growth each year since its inception, evolving from a curriculum focused solely on agricultural education in the first year to offering hands-on learning opportunities and participation in FFA activities over the past two years.

The 8th Grade Introduction to Agriculture course covers a wide range of agriculture-related fields, including Ag Careers, Animal Science, Plant and Soil Science, Ag Mechanics, Ecology and Natural Resources, Food Products and Processing, Meat Science, Ag Communications, Entomology, and Ag Business.

Students have enjoyed hands-on learning experiences in both the ag shop and the greenhouses. During a three-week session in the shop, they work alongside advanced ag mechanics students to learn welding techniques.

# Shaping the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders

These advanced students serve as mentors, providing one-on-one guidance in both Stick and MIG welding. For another three weeks in the greenhouses, 8th graders learn to plant seeds and transplant various flower and vegetable starts for our annual plant sale from May 8th - 10th.

This year, for the first time, 8th-grade students have also been able to compete on various Career Development Event (CDE) teams. Last spring, we had our inaugural 8th-grade team compete in the Veterinary Science CDE, where they won first place for the Beginning Team at the district level! Participation has continued to increase this year, with 8th-grade members taking part in Vet Science, Livestock Judging, Meat Science, and Dairy Products teams. Additionally, this will be the first year that 8th-grade members can attend the State FFA Convention to participate in workshops, sessions, and the career fair.

As the 8th-grade Introduction to Agriculture course continues to grow and evolve, it provides students with experiences and skills that extend beyond the classroom. By collaborating with the EPHS Agriculture program, engaging in hands-on learning, and participating in FFA events, students are gaining a deeper understanding of the many components of agriculture. These opportunities not only create a sense of teamwork and responsibility but also help prepare students for future opportunities in agriculture and related fields. With continued growth and success, this program is shaping the next generation of agricultural leaders.



# SPOTLIGHT EPHS FFA

EAGLE POINT HIGH SCHOOL



## Ila Richardson Named Oregon State Star Farmer for 2025!

Eagle Point High School senior Ila was shocked to find out she had been named the Oregon State Star Farmer for 2025. This recognition comes after years of hard work, dedication, and a passion for agriculture that began long before high school.

Ila, a standout student in the Agricultural Sciences program, earned the award for her beef entrepreneurship project. “I’ve been developing this operation over the past four years in FFA, but it really started ten years ago,” she said. “Condensing everything into one application was definitely a big challenge.”

She first learned about the Star Farmer award while she was working on her beef entrepreneurship proficiency—a category that highlights student-led agricultural businesses. Her teacher, Ms. Hertensen, encouraged her to also apply for the Star Farmer award, noting how closely the two were aligned.

“At first, I applied kind of just for fun,” Ila admitted. “I didn’t think I’d be competitive at all.”

After submitting a very extensive application—one that took over 40 hours to complete—she was named one of the top three finalists in the state. The three students then moved on to another interview round with a panel of judges asking more detailed questions about their work.

“I was really nervous going into the interview,” Ila shared. “It was about 30 minutes long, and they asked me to expand on my written answers, justifying and explaining how I managed my project. It was a deep dive into everything I’ve done.”

As Ila sat at the awards ceremony, there was a moment of confusion when the wrong slide was shown on the screen, accidentally revealing Ila’s name before the winner was announced. She tried not to get her hopes up, but couldn’t help but wonder if it was real or an accident.

“I just kept thinking, ‘Don’t get excited. It might be a mistake,’” she said. “Even when they called my name, I couldn’t believe it. It was surreal.”

It took some time for the accomplishment to sink in and although the Star Farmer Award doesn’t come with a scholarship, the recognition is invaluable. “It’s definitely something I’ll carry with me,” Ila said. “It shows the work I’ve done and helps me stand out on any future applications.”

After graduation, Ila plans to attend Fort Scott Community College in Kansas, where she’ll compete on their livestock judging team and study animal science. Her long-term goal is to transfer to Kansas State University and earn a doctorate in veterinary medicine, with the dream of running her own cattle operation in the future.

Despite the demanding work and rigorous process, Ila says it has all been worthwhile. “Having a plan and working toward something I care about—it makes everything feel more meaningful.”

From Eagle Point High School to the state stage, Ila has exemplified what it means to be a leader in agriculture. Congratulations to Oregon’s 2025 Star Farmer—we are proud!

## Agricultural Sciences at EPSD9

EPSD9’s integrated Ag Sciences collaboration allows students to discover hands-on learning and unique skill building lessons at Elementary, Middle School and High School grade levels.





# 98.1%

Every Student, Every Class, Every Day!

Eagle Point High School proudly achieved a remarkable graduation rate of 98.1% for the 2022-2023 school year, driven by the unwavering dedication of our staff and the support students offer one another to ensure everyone's success. EPHS has once again celebrated this incredible accomplishment for the 2023-24 school year!



## CAREER & COLLEGE

The Eagle Center at Eagle Point High School is a dedicated resource hub designed to support students as they prepare for life after graduation. Whether you plan to attend college, enter the workforce, or explore vocational training, the Eagle Center provides the guidance and tools you need to succeed. The center helps students research and apply for scholarships, assists with standardized testing, and guides college applications, making it a one-stop shop for post-secondary preparation.

The Eagle Center provides not only academic support but also opportunities for career exploration through various events, workshops, and work-study programs. These initiatives aim to help students identify and confidently pursue their career paths. Our experienced College, Career, and Scholarship Coordinator is available to guide students and equip them with the tools they need to succeed.





## UPPER ROGUE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the Eagle Point School District 9 benefit from an improved and purposeful learning initiative called URCEO. This hybrid learning platform is designed for those who prefer on-campus interaction for social connection and support, as well as for those who wish to work independently from home. URCEO takes a holistic approach to education by addressing barriers and providing the necessary support to help students navigate the challenges of learning, boosting their confidence in the process.

Students enjoy small class sizes, the opportunity to work ahead in their courses and finish early, and the flexibility to balance their education with the demands of life and extracurricular activities.

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## TEACHER SUPPORT

"As a teacher at URCEO, I have had the opportunity to invest in and connect with my students on a deeper level than I could in larger schools. I have found that the security, safety, and structure at URCEO encourage students to engage with their academics, inspire quality work, and develop essential life skills. URCEO empowers students to take charge of their education and explore their individual paths."

- URCEO Staff

**I GOT MY  
GED**

## GED PROGRAM

URCEO offers a GED preparation and testing program to EPSD9 students. Study materials and tests are paid for by the school. Testing must take place on campus.

**Principal's Message  
+ School Info**

**Dr Shunk**  
URCEO Principal



# Lake Creek Learning Center

EPSD9's Small Farmhouse-Style Family School



**See What  
Makes Us  
Distinctively  
Different!**

Lake Creek Learning Center is a small, K-5 farmhouse-style school within Eagle Point School District 9, just off Highway 140. Surrounded by beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, and natural beauty, the school provides a peaceful and inspiring learning environment. Our close-knit community fosters a warm and welcoming atmosphere, where familiar faces create genuine connections. With some of the highest test scores in the district, Lake Creek Learning Center is committed to academic excellence, strong family relationships, outdoor exploration, and providing meaningful and enjoyable experiences for every student.







## EPHS Community Event – Turkey Basket Family Fundraiser

Student Support Programs Department is focused on student success and growth, ensuring they are best equipped to thrive in their learning environment. We aim to help students overcome unique barriers, such as cultural and personal challenges.

The Student Support Programs building is located at 3275 Ave G, White City, OR 97503



## Connected Community!

Eagle Point School District 9's annual EPHS Turkey Basket Fundraiser, a collaboration between the EPHS Leadership Class, Ray's Food Place, EPSD9 Student Support Programs, and community partners, was a resounding success. Students and staff raised funds, assembled baskets, and supported families across the district.

Chris Valavala, Student Support Program Manager, shared that fundraising efforts began in the summer to ensure the baskets contained everything needed for a holiday meal. EPHS senior and Leadership student Jesse expressed the rewarding experience, while a Leadership teacher highlighted the sense of community fostered by the event, noting the excitement among participants to help the community.

This fundraiser is part of EPSD9 Student Support Programs' many community events, which regularly collaborate with local partners to support families throughout the district.

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# EPSD9 NEWSROOM

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## READ ALL ABOUT IT!



The Eagle Point School District 9 Newsroom is your primary source for news from across the district. On our website, you will find a variety of articles and spotlights featuring students, staff, and EPSD9 events.





# EPSD9

## Communication



**EAGLE POINT**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 9  
Every Student - Every Class - Every Day!

### Tools

#### ● EPSD9 APP

The Eagle Point School District 9 App is designed for parents, students, employees, and community members. Stay up to date with District messages, headlines, calendar events, attendance, and more. Download the EPSD9 App to your phone, tablet, or smart device.

#### ● Newsletters

Eagle Point School District 9 Community Newsletter. Each month a new publication will be added to this page that highlights district-wide events, staff and student stories, and spotlights throughout the year. Please take a moment to read and enjoy.

*We utilize these platforms to communicate with families and the community.*

#### ● Remind

Remind is a 2-way communication tool used in our classrooms. Teachers use Remind to reach students and parents on any device, including texting-only phones, no smartphones necessary.

#### ● ParentVUE

ParentVUE is a website that offers secure, private access to school and student information, including assignments, grades, attendance, school calendar, and teacher contact details. You can see the information for all your students in ParentVUE.

#### ● CANVAS

Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) to provide teachers, students, and families tools that enhance learning and communication both inside and outside of the school building.

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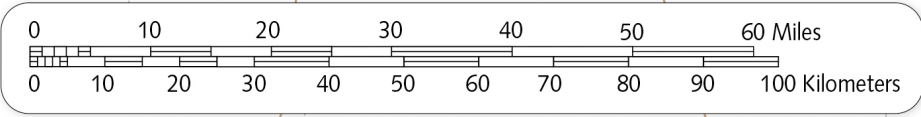
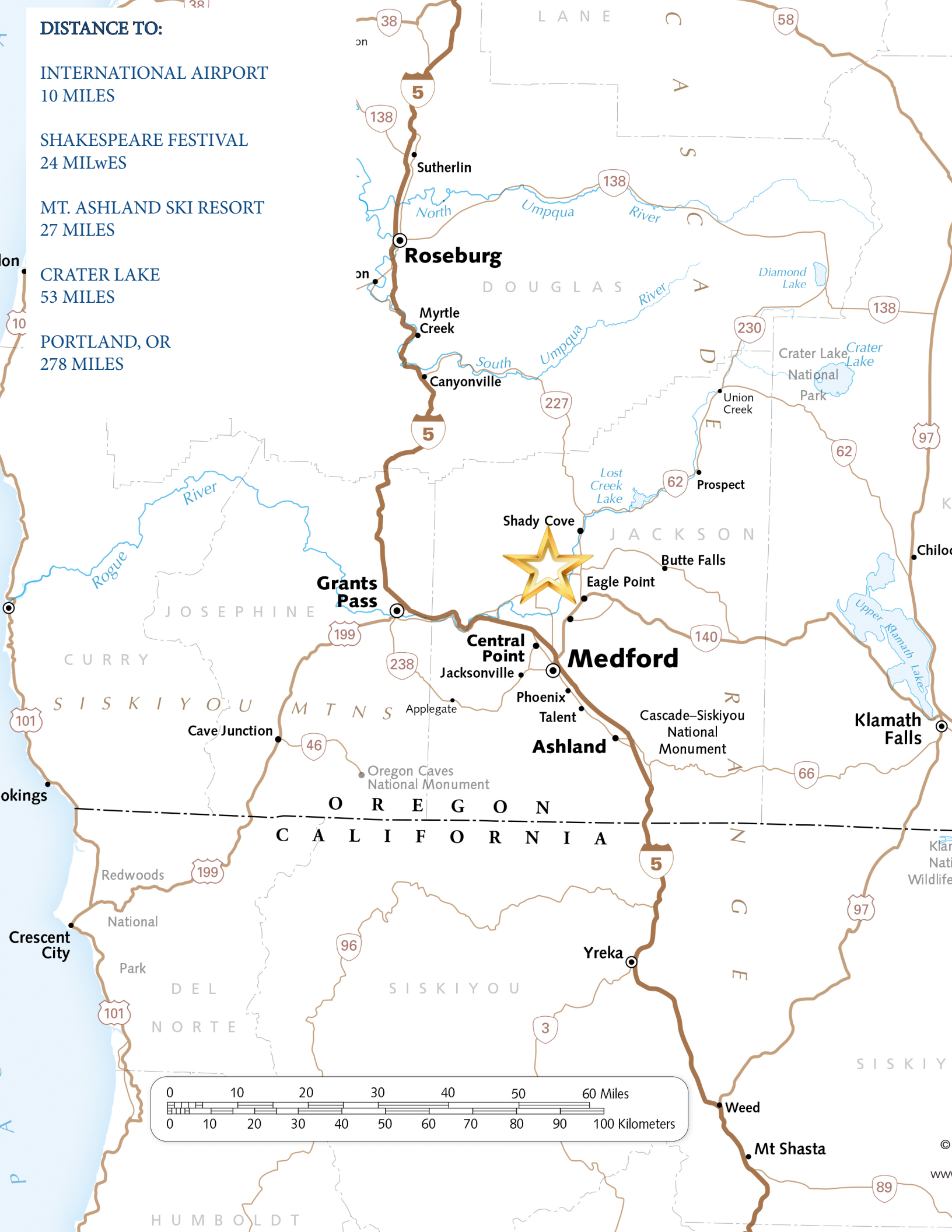
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**Eagle Point High School**, home of “The Eagles”, is a public institution located in the beautiful Rogue Valley. EPHS is the destination for all students in the surrounding communities of Eagle Point, Shady Cove and White City. We take great pride offering academic and elective courses which are rigorous and focused on preparing students for the 21st century. We have a strong commitment to technology, we provide an iPad for every student as well as our career pathway opportunities which allows students to earn college credit from universities. EPHS offers top-notch athletic facilities and a small town community atmosphere while being located only 10 minutes from the Rogue Valley International Airport. Come for a visit and GO EAGLES!



**Eagle Point Middle School**, home of “The Panthers”, opened its doors in March of 2003 on the northern edge of beautiful Eagle Point, Oregon. Our campus is nestled among neighborhoods and farmland with a clear view of Mt. McLaughlin. Nearly 450 students and 34 staff members make up the Eagle Point Middle School family. In addition to rigorous coursework, students have many afterschool opportunities to compete in sports and activities. EPMS offers football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track and field, spelling contests, brain bowl, band, choir, art, STEAM and academic scavenger hunt. Many other student-interest clubs exist like Writing, Art, Drama, etc. Come for a visit and ask for a tour of our beautiful building.



**White Mountain Middle School**, home of “The Wolves”, serves the community of White City in beautiful Southern Oregon. Our school serves 344 students in grades 6-8 with an average class size of about 25 students. Students have the opportunity to participate in sports and activities such as football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, cross country, etc. Staff members are committed to the success of each and every student at White Mountain Middle School. We have built a family atmosphere and we hope you will come for a visit. Go Wolves!







**Table Rock Elementary**, home of “The Tigers”, was established in 2013 to meet the needs of all elementary students in White City. We are the only school in EPSD9 with a pre-school. We serve 762 students in a neighborhood educational atmosphere where we proudly honor the culture and diversity of our community. Table Rock Elementary has a dynamic staff comprised of 42 teachers and 44 staff members who are all caring, professional, educators. Not only do we offer all the essentials for general education, but we are proud to offer Dual Language Education in Spanish / English. Our students have the opportunity to participate in our dual language program beginning in pre-school and continuing through all grade levels. Come join us at Table Rock Elementary!

**Eagle Rock Elementary School**, home of “The Owls”, is a beautiful school overlooking the city of Eagle Point. Eagle Rock opened in 2003 and was designed as a walking school for the fast growing surrounding neighborhoods. Built into the side of a hill with a gym that resembles a barn, Eagle Rock has 14 certified teachers and approximately 340 K–5th grade students, most living within a mile of the school. We are very proud of our knowledge and use of technology in our classrooms and are on the cutting edge in this area to help improve student achievement. We enjoy having parents and volunteers in our classrooms and participating in many of the activities for students and families. Come visit!



**Hillside Elementary School**, home of “The Huskies”, opened in April of 2012. Hillside is a beautiful, modern school situated in the center of a friendly, rural community. There are 425 K-5th grade students enrolled. There are 26 certified teachers with an average of 22 students per class. Hillside Elementary school also hosts lots of family centered events. Hillside students love coming to school and we have an excellent staff that is focused on students’ well-being, academic growth and preparing them for a successful future. All of us at Hillside are proud of our school and hope you come for a visit!



**Shady Cove School**, home of “The Mighty Wolverines!” We are a unique K-8th grade small community school nestled in the hills of the Upper Rogue River. We have approximately 270 students and a caring staff made up of 15 Certified Teachers, 1 Instructional Coach, 9 Instructional Assistants, 2 Secretaries, 2 Maintenance Personnel and a Principal. Our Middle School has a great student turnout for a variety of both girls and boys sports that are offered as well as many school sponsored activities. Being a small school allows us the special opportunity to build meaningful relationships and make connections with students, parents, and the community which is crucial to the success of students. Shady Cove was named one of Oregon’s “Model Schools” in 2012 which is a great achievement and a tribute to our caring, family atmosphere!



**Lake Creek Learning Center**, home of “The Elk”, is situated on a portion of a 1,000 acre ranch on the outskirts of Eagle Point in the small wooded community of Lake Creek. The K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade school opened its doors in January of 2000. There are about 52 students enrolled in 3 multi-grade classrooms. Each day we have “community circle” and enjoy dining together as a group at lunchtime. The small learning environment at LCLC promotes strong academic performance, with many of our students making honor roll at the middle and high school levels. Parents and volunteer groups are actively involved at Lake Creek Learning Center and take advantage of the beautiful outdoor setting for a variety of activities.



**URCEO**, Upper Rogue Center for Educational Opportunities, home of “The Osprey”, provides individual tutoring, mentoring and teaching strategies to students that need an alternative to the normal school day. Each day, teachers at URCEO provide one-on-one learning opportunities while maintaining a daily accounting of all academic and non-academic events that take place throughout the year. The teachers are highly dedicated and able to juggle multiple subjects, student schedules, and continuously remain focused on the most important thing, which is **STUDENT SUCCESS!**







# EPSD9

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