



# Creating Change, Inspiring Choice: Celebrating 25 Years of Oregon Public Charter Schools

## 2024 Annual Charter School Conference



Hosted by the Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools and Oregon Department of Education

### AGENDA (Session times and content subject to change.)

#### Wednesday, November 13

- ⚙️ **Kick-Off Dinner:** 4:30pm - 8:00pm | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom  
Separate RSVP required

#### Thursday, November 14

- ⚙️ **Registration and Breakfast:** 8:00am - 9:00am | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom
- ⚙️ **Welcome and Kick Off:** 9:00am - 9:45 am | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom  
Celebrate 25 years of charter schools in Oregon with the people who helped pass the legislation establishing charter schools and the elected officials carrying on that work!
- ⚙️ **Breakout Sessions:** 10:00am - 11:00am

##### **Discriminatory Discipline: An Overview of Section 504, Title VI, and Current Trends**

###### **Presenters:**

Taylor Lewis  
Marinda Peters, PhD  
*Oregon Department of  
Education*

###### **Location:**

East Willamette

##### **Cash Flow Management**

###### **Presenters:**

Jackie Olsen  
*Oregon Association of School  
Business Officials*

Jonathan Bilden  
*Crater Lake Academy*

###### **Location:**

Middle Willamette

##### **Legal Update for Charter Schools**

###### **Presenters:**

Matthew Lowe  
Matthew Kahl  
*Jordan Ramis, PC*

###### **Location:**

West Willamette

Thursday, November 14 (continued)

⚙️ Breakout Sessions: 11:15am - 12:30pm

## Empowering Students and Boosting Confidence Beyond the Classroom

### Presenter:

Amanda Funk  
*Lighthouse Academies*

### Location:

East Willamette

## Addressing and Eliminating Informal Disciplinary Removals through Classroom Management and Differentiation Strategies.

### Presenters:

Patrick Kelly  
Holly Tate  
*Oregon Department of Education*

### Location:

Middle Willamette

## Staff-Led Referrals & Hiring Campaigns

### Presenter:

Jessica Lamb  
*Lamb Consulting*

### Location:

West Willamette

⚙️ Lunch: 12:30pm - 1:45pm | Location: McKenzie Ballroom

Regional Meetings: Enjoy your lunch while networking with charter schools from your corner of the state. Please see the ORC3S regional schools list to find your table.

⚙️ Breakout Sessions: 2:00pm - 3:15pm

## So You Want to Buy a Building? Ten Steps to Take Now to Get You on The Path to Ownership!

### Presenters:

Jennifer Stackhouse  
*Portland Village School*

David Robertson  
Courtney Dausz  
*LRB Public Finance Advisors*

### Location:

East Willamette

## "It's a Long Way to the Top": Leader-Driven Communities of Practice

### Presenters:

Jeff Sands  
*360 Accelerator*

### Location:

Middle Willamette

## When Opposites Don't Attract: Navigating Team Dynamics

### Presenter:

Dr. Lisa Harlan  
Dr. Andrea Sande  
Ali Hurd  
*Educational Excellence*

### Location:

West Willamette

⚙️ General Session: 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Location:

Dr. Williams, the Director of the Oregon Department of Education, will take the stage to dive into the current state of education and share some exciting plans for the future of ODE. Expect insights, vision, and maybe even a few surprises as we explore what's next for Oregon!

School Showcase: Get ready for an inspiring event where a few local charter schools take the spotlight! They'll share their unique journeys, innovative school models, and what makes their communities shine. Expect some cool stories and creative approaches that might just spark new ideas for your own school!

⚙️ Dinner: 5:00pm - 8:00pm | Location: McKenzie Ballroom

## Friday, November 15

⚙️ **Registration and Breakfast:** 8:00am - 9:00am | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom

⚙️ **Welcome and Kick Off:** 9:00am - 9:45 am | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom  
Prepare for an immersive networking experience guided by the Hand2Mouth Theatre

⚙️ **Breakout Sessions:** 10:00am - 11:00am

### Oregon's Early Literacy Framework: The Role of Literacy in Grades K-5

**Presenter:**

Leanne Moll  
*Oregon Department of Education*

**Location:**

East Willamette

### Special Education and Section 504 in Oregon Charter Schools

**Presenter:**

Christopher Schulz  
*Schulman Lopez Hoffer Adelstein*

**Location:**

Middle Willamette

### Beyond the Data Dump: Bridging the Gap Between Data Collection and Strategic Action

**Presenter:**

Rebecca Gosla  
*Simplicity Education*

**Location:**

West Willamette

⚙️ **Breakout Sessions:** 11:15am - 12:30pm

### Rest and Resilience: Prioritizing Sustainability and Boundaries for Educators in the Age of Burnout Culture

**Presenter:**

Jenn Jeffers  
*Ubica Tours*

**Location:**

East Willamette

### Strategic Planning for Charter School Success: Navigating Challenges and Maximizing Opportunities

**Presenters:**

Rob Hess, Cathy Hurowitz,  
Bryan Starr, Cecile Enright,  
Becky Chitowski, and  
Melinda Kramer  
*BreakThrough Consulting*  
*Evergreen Virtual Academy (EVA)*  
*River's Edge Academy Charter School (REACH)*

**Location:**

Middle Willamette

### What's happening with K-12 funding in Oregon? Advocating for Charter Schools in the 2025 Legislative Assembly

**Presenter:**

Iris Maria Chavez  
*Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools*

**Location:**

West Willamette

⚙️ **Lunch:** 12:30pm - 1:45pm | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom

⚙️ **Conclusion:** 1:45pm - 2:00pm | **Location:** McKenzie Ballroom

# Thank you for attending!