

Teaching, Learning, and Enrollment
Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2025 4:30 PM

Dr. Matthew Prophet Education Center -
Mazama Conference Room (floor 2)
501 N. Dixon St.
Portland, OR 97227

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Public Comment - 5 two-minutes spots
 - To sign up for public comment email PublicComment@pps.net or call 503-916-3741.
3. Committee Purpose and Desired Outcomes
4. Committee Charter
5. Outdoor School
6. Adjourn

Draft Teaching, Learning & Enrollment Committee Charter

Purpose

The Teaching, Learning & Enrollment Committee will provide focused review and recommendations on matters that directly impact student learning programs, including program quality, equitable access to educational opportunities, and enrollment planning.

Committee work can include:

Review proposed curriculum changes prior to consideration by the full Board.

Review enrollment and school boundary recommendations prior to consideration by the full Board.

Review topics and initiatives related to the Board Goals and Post-Secondary Readiness, engaging deeper learning on such topics.

Review education-related state grants.

Receive updates and monitor the district's charter schools, as required by statute.

Receive updates and monitor Special Education programs, as required by statute.

Discuss other topics aligned with the Superintendent and Board priorities.

The Committee operates in compliance with PPS policy and applicable public meeting laws.

Resolution No. [XXXX]
Directing the Superintendent to Provide an Analysis of Outdoor School Costs and Options to Preserve a Five-Day Program

WHEREAS, Outdoor School provides valuable, hands-on learning experiences that support students' academic growth, social-emotional development, and connection to the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, in Portland Public Schools, Outdoor School is a required experiential learning program for middle school students, providing an integral part of the curriculum designed to meet state science learning standards;

WHEREAS, Outdoor School is, for many students, their only childhood access to immersive, nature-based education and outdoor experiences, making it a critical component of educational equity; and

WHEREAS, Measure 99, passed by Oregon voters in 2016, allocated funding to ensure all Oregon students have access to a full week of Outdoor School; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing Outdoor School may have increased since the passage of Measure 99, and it is essential to understand these changes in order to ensure the program's sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to preserving a five-day Outdoor School experience for all eligible students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to:

1. Provide a comprehensive analysis of the per-student and total cost of Outdoor School before and after the passage of Measure 99, adjusted for inflation, and identify any major cost drivers contributing to changes over time.
2. Present options to preserve a five-day Outdoor School experience for all eligible students for the 2025–26 school year that do not impact direct student services, including but not limited to:
 - Identifying opportunities to reduce program costs without reducing services or access.
 - Leveraging alternative funding sources.
3. Deliver the analysis and recommendations to the Board no later than the October 14, 2025 Regular Board meeting, so the Board may review and take any necessary action during Fall 2025.