

[HIGH SCHOOL LETTERHEAD]

[Date]

Dear Parents and Students:

The 2005 Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 300, the Expanded Options Program, to begin in the 2006-2007 school year. The statute requires that we notify parents and students of the Expanded Options Program before February 1, and that **parents and students must notify us before March 1 if they are interested in participating** so that we may plan for the next year.

The purposes of the bill are for **eligible students enrolled in grades 11 and 12** to:

- ☉ have additional options to continue or complete their education,
- ☉ earn concurrent high school and college credits,
- ☉ gain early entry into post-secondary education,
- ☉ participate in existing accelerated college credit programs, and
- ☉ enroll full-time or part-time in an eligible post-secondary institution.

Our **existing programs** feature many courses pre-approved for college credit with [post-secondary partners]. These courses can save you **thousands of dollars** in college costs and up to two years of college coursework.

To be **eligible** for the new Expanded Options Program, the student:

- ☉ **must** be in grade 11 or 12 **or** be 16 years old or older at the time of enrollment,
- ☉ **must** have an approved educational learning plan on file with the high school, **and**
- ☉ **must not** have received a high school diploma.

In addition, please note that:

- ☉ the Program does **not** include **any** course that **duplicates** a course we already offer,
- ☉ the community college or university **must** accept the student for admission,
- ☉ failure to complete an eligible post-secondary course with a passing grade of D or better **will** delay high school graduation **and** affect the student's eligibility for the Program, and **may** affect eligibility for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, **and**
- ☉ there is **no cost** to you for participating in the new Expanded Options Program. Eligible Program expenses will include tuition, textbooks, equipment and materials. Transportation will not be provided by the district.

If you are interested in the new Expanded Options Program for the next school year, you **must notify our office before March 1, 2006** by returning the form to :

If you have any questions about this notification please contact:

Sincerely,

“School and/or District Name”

Expanded Options: Interest in Participation Form*

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Grade Level: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Student ID#: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Type of course: _____

Rationale for request (indicate how this request is connected to your education plan):

High School currently attending: _____

_____ Check here if not attending high school

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form **by March 1, 2006** to the following address:

People who return this form will be notified later this spring on about the process for applying to the EO program.

*(to be used for the 2006-07 School Year)