



ASPIRE



About ASPIRE

Oregon Student Access Commission (OSAC)

Creating a College-Going Culture in Oregon

- ▶ **Oregon Opportunity Grant**
- ▶ **Grants for foster youth, student parents, and more...**
- ▶ **OSAC Scholarship Application**
- ▶ **ASPIRE & Outreach**

ASPIRE Goals



Provide mentoring and resources to help students access education and training beyond high school



Help ASPIRE sites build a sustainable community of volunteer mentors



Educate students and families about school selection and options regarding scholarship and financial aid



ASPIRE (Core Values)

- ▶ Provides one-on-one mentoring by adult volunteers
- ▶ Welcomes ALL students
- ▶ Offers ALL postsecondary educational options
- ▶ Cultivates an environment where students discover anything is possible

Why do students need ASPIRE?

"No one in my family has ever gone to college..."

"I can do just as well going straight to work..."

"I can't afford it..."

"I don't know where or how to go..."

"I'm not smart enough."



Four ASPIRE Programs



ASPIRE: High School

1:1 mentoring to high school students



eASPIRE

Online mentoring to high school students



ASPIRE: Middle School

Group mentoring to middle school students



ASPIRE: Community College

Mentoring to college students

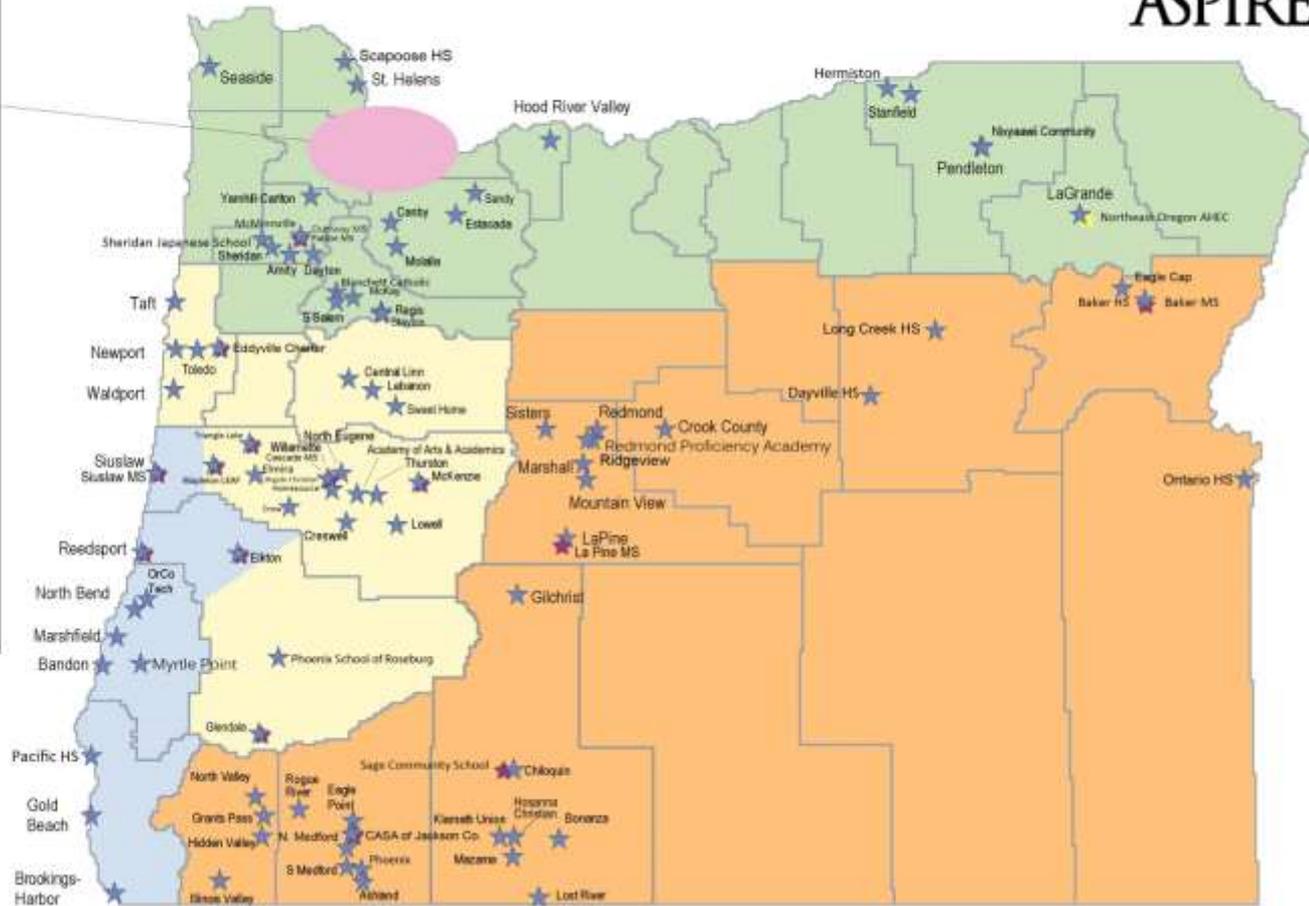
ASPIRE Sites 2012-13

Oregon Student Access Commission ASPIRE Program



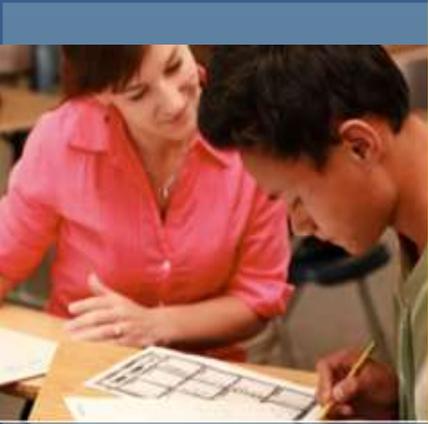
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- Arts & Technology HS
- Beaverton HS
- Black United Fund
- Catholic Charities
- Century HS
- Clackamas HS
- Clackamas Middle College
- Cleveland HS
- Franklin HS
- Glencoe HS
- Gresham-Barlow
- Web Academy ★
- Hillsboro HS
- Lincoln HS
- Miller Education Center ★★
- Milwaukie HS
- NAYA - Native American Youth Academy
- NELA Center for Student Success
- Open Door Christian Academy
- Oregon Outreach, Inc.
- Outside In, Inc.
- PAL Beaverton
- PAL Portland
- Rex Putnam HS
- Reynolds High School
- Reynolds Learning Academy
- Sabin-Schellenberg Center
- Sam Barlow HS
- The Inn ILP
- Youth Employment Institute

- ★ ASPIRE site
- eASPIRE site
- ★ Middle School ASPIRE
- Columbia Region
- Mazama Region
- Willamette Region
- Pacific Region



ASPIRE College-Going Rate

School	College-going rate BEFORE ASPIRE	College-going rate AFTER ASPIRE	Years in the Program (as of 2011-12)
Elkton High School	52%	66%	9 years
Ashland High School	65%	94%	9 years
Estacada High School	69%	83%	5 years
Crow High School	38%	96%	5 years
Beaverton High School	55%	67%	4 years



ASPIRE Site Team

▶ OSAC/ASPIRE Staff

7 OSAC staff support 145 sites

▶ ASPIRE Coordinator

Staff person at the site who manages the program

▶ ASPIRE Volunteer Mentors

Student Mentor

Resources Specialist

Volunteer Team Lead



Becoming an ASPIRE Site

- ✓ Submit ASPIRE program application; sign ASPIRE agreement
- ✓ Designate paid staff person as ASPIRE Coordinator
- ✓ Provide adequate space and internet access for mentors and students
- ✓ Maintain tort and liability insurance for volunteers
- ✓ Allow coordinator time and travel cost to attend program events



ASPIRE COORDINATOR

Duties

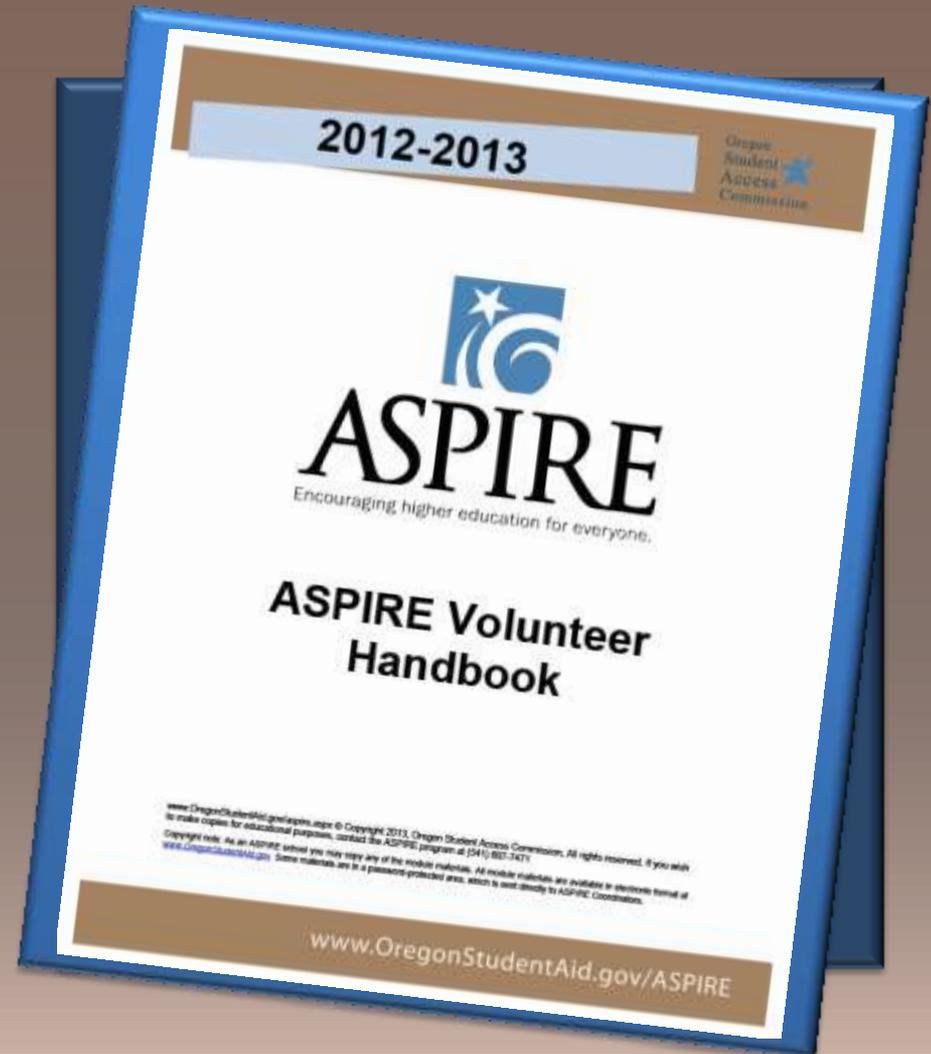
- ✓ Recruits and manages volunteer mentors
- ✓ Recruits students and matches with volunteer mentors
- ✓ Attends program training and ASPIRE events
- ✓ Supports program goals
- ✓ Collects and reports data

Resources

OregonStudentAid.gov

Volunteer Handbook

ASPIRE Coordinator Toolkit





TRAININGS

- ✓ Intro to ASPIRE
- ✓ Volunteer Management
- ✓ Working with Students
- ✓ Options Beyond High School
- ✓ Finding the Right Fit
- ✓ Finding Funds for Oregon Students
- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Essay Writing
- ✓ Testing

ASPIRE Fall Conference

**Informational sessions about
financial aid, CIS, SAT, best
practices... and much more!**

**Dates coming soon
Visit: www.OregonStudentAid.gov**



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Thank You!

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