

OSEC (OREGON SCIENCE EDUCATION COUNCIL)

Type of Resource(s): Planning, Connections, Professional Development

Address: NA

Web Address: NA

Mission: OSEC, The Oregon Science Education Council serves as a catalyst to sustain a state-level dialogue among all Oregon schools, colleges, government, business, industry, and the public in order to improve and expand the teaching of science and the science literacy of the general population.

Overview of Programs: The Oregon Science Education Council was formed to develop a united voice among organizations interested in improving science education in the state of Oregon. Its activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Supporting all efforts to improve the science literacy of the population of the state
- Advising districts, institutions, the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and other agencies regarding:
 - The science preparation of K-12 students
 - The preparation of science and elementary teachers
 - Effectiveness of science courses in higher education
 - The articulation of science courses through K-12, community college and higher education
- Providing a forum for the discussion of broad issues in science education in the context of a standards-based educational system
- Supporting the development of grant proposals to fund projects which impact science education within the state.

Cost Structure and Funding- Costs of attending meetings are borne by individual members or the organizations they represent.

Partners/Sponsors: OSEC is an autonomous organization, which is affiliated with and recognized by the following organizations:

- Oregon Department of Education (ODE)
- Oregon University System (OUS)
- Oregon Independent Colleges Association (OICA)
- Oregon Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (OACTE)
- Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)
- Oregon Science Teachers Association (OSTA)
- Oregon Mathematics Education Council (OMEC)
- Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)
- Council of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)

Assessments: NA