The Oregon State Legislature allocated funding in 2014–15 and 2015–17 to increase the number of high school students completing college courses and high school teachers eligible to teach college credit courses. The Oregon Department of Education disbursed these grants to five regional consortia composed of school districts, education service districts, and local postsecondary institutions.

Education Northwest is evaluating the impact of the grants. Evaluation results are summarized here for the 2014-15 grants.

### Regional Promise

**303 different Regional Promise classes**

21% of all Oregon students attended a Regional Promise school

### Results 2014-15

#### Accelerated College Credit*

Students taking accelerated courses* increased from 2013-14 to 2014-15

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#### College-Going Culture

Approx. 3,300 students in grades 5-12 participated in college-going culture activities

Almost 1,000 students enrolled in college and career success classes

### Equity

Regional Promise schools closed gaps in accelerated college credit* participation for historically underserved student groups, including students in poverty

Regional Promise courses served higher percentages of students in poverty and students of color than other types of accelerated courses

### Cross-Sector Partnerships

Each site reported plans to continue partnerships to increase reach

3 sites continued with 2015–17 grants

#### Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

72 Professional learning communities

310 High school teachers in PLCs

134 Community college and university professors in PLCs

135 High school teachers newly qualified to teach accelerated courses

### Within Regional Promise schools in 2014–15:

- **22%** high school students took a Regional Promise course
- **16%** took a dual-credit course through a community college
- **19%** took an Advanced Placement course
- **4%** took an International Baccalaureate course

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*Includes Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Regional Promise, and community college dual-credit courses