



Why Is  
**STAND FOR  
CHILDREN**  
Spending MILLION\$ to Pass  
Measure 98?

Is M 98 a power play by Stand for Children to gain a niche in the ODE and control of billions in education funding? Consider the following:

- Oregon's graduation rate is 78%, not 59% as Stand for Children says.
- Credible research does not support Stand's claims.
- Expanding career technical programs and offering more college level courses are not the most effective ways to increase high school graduation rates as Stand proposes.
- Career technical classes do have a positive effect on graduation rates, but not a significant one. The promise of VocEd is enticing, but wouldn't it make more sense to plan a facility locally and fully fund it rather than to haphazardly bid for a "grant" from the state?
- AP class offerings do not lead to higher graduation rates for struggling students.
- College level AP classes will be paid for from K-12 funds by the school district.
- Funding may not be used for already existing programs or facilities.
- School districts are encouraged to give preference to STEM programs, not vocational programs like wood shop or auto shop.
- M 98 is unfunded. **New revenue** goes to this program first instead of areas of most need.
- Not every school or district will benefit. The money doesn't follow the child. There will be winners -- and losers when district plans are not approved.
- Districts cede approval and control to the state. A district that doesn't qualify at first may apply again the next year, but forfeits funding for that year.
- Districts, in cooperation with nonprofits, will train and license personnel to provide college level educational opportunities in all high schools. No mention of "teachers."
- M 98 creates more bureaucracy at both the state and local levels.
- M 98 seems to be a veiled attempt to replace professionally licensed teachers with uncertified personnel to deliver a canned curriculum by computer, EdTech.
- M 98, as written, has no sunset. It will be perpetually skimming resources from the general fund at the expense of other programs.

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