



Parent Connection

Tax and Financial Supports for Families of Students with Disabilities

Families of students served by special education may qualify for certain tax and financial supports.

Oregon Tax Exemption

The Oregon tax code provides a tax exemption for parents of eligible children with disabilities (Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education or School-Age Special Education).

The procedure for claiming an exemption for the 2018 tax year is explained in the Oregon Individual Income Tax Guide (p. 98).

Search for *Publication OR-17* or go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/forms/Pages/default.aspx> and scroll to the Personal Income section to find *Publication OR-17*.

This [memo](#) from ODE has tax information in both English and Spanish.

ABLE savings accounts

The federal government has established a tax-sheltered savings program for families of students with significant disabilities. The purpose of the ABLE account is to allow families to save for disability-related expenses without impacting their eligibility for federal benefits.

<http://oregonablesavings.com/>

WLWV does not give tax and investment advice. Consult a qualified investment advisor or tax specialist for more details about how these programs may relate to your family's financial needs.

Think College: Inclusive College Experience at PSU

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is partnering with Portland State University to provide an inclusive college experience for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

This 4-year program includes

- academic supports
- participation in social/community activities
- employment supports

The program, known as PSU Career and Community Studies, accepts 6 students a year, and they are actively looking for applicants.

Potential candidates need to have finished high school by spring 2019 so they can enroll at PSU in September. This means current high school seniors as well as current students receiving Adult Transition Services are eligible to apply.

If a student from West Linn-Wilsonville gets accepted to the PSU-CCS program, the district will pass on the state funding for adult

transition services to PSU. This will result in a significant reduction in the overall cost of participation (up until age 21)

Students/families would still be responsible for PSU tuition, just like any college student. However, the cost of IEP transition services at PSU would be covered by the district (just like they would if the student remained in WLWV for transition services).

Financial Aid and Scholarships are available to help with the cost of tuition.

For more information, visit the [CCS website](#) or email

tcio@pdx.edu

For application information, visit the [CCS application page](#)

If your student is considering applying, please let your case manager know so we can support them in the application process. (Just like we would for any student applying to college)

Applications are due March 2

PSU-CCS Information Night
Thursday, January 17
6:00 pm Room 333
Smith Memorial Student Union
1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Upcoming Events:

Parent Collaboration Group 5:00-6:30 District Office Board Room <i>Monday, March 11</i> <i>Monday, May 20</i>	Parent Information Night Supporting Students with Anxiety 6:00-7:30 Sunset Primary School <i>Thursday, January 17</i>
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