

## Chapter 341

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**ADULT EDUCATION**

**341.010 Definition.** As used in ORS 341.010 to 341.080, "adult" means a person 18 years of age or over, or any person who has graduated from a high school.

**341.020 Supervision by Superintendent of Public Instruction.** The general control and supervision of adult education in elementary and high school subject matter and grade shall be exercised by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**341.030 Adult education classes; fees.** Any district school board may provide for the establishment of classes for adult education in the elementary or high school field. The district school board also shall determine any fees to be levied. The board may hire certified teachers and supervisors for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such classes for adults in English, the fundamental principles of democratic government, citizenship, public affairs, forums, arts and crafts, general cultural subjects, adult recreation and such other subjects as the State Board of Education may authorize. The funds from such fees shall be used for the support or encouragement of adult education in the elementary or high school field. The classes shall be subject to the regulations of the district school board, shall be organized to meet the needs of the adults in the district and, as far as practicable, shall be held at such times and places as are most convenient and accessible to the members of the class.

**341.040 Admission of students; exemption from fees.** All classes in the elementary or high school field under the adult education program shall be open to every person 18 years of age or over, or any person who has graduated from high school and shall be under the direct management of the local district school board. The district school board may, with the recommendation of an authorized representative of the county relief committee, exempt any adult from the payment of any fees levied for participation in the adult education program.

**341.050 State Board of Education may accept federal funds.** The State Board of Education is authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to accept in behalf of this state, any executive or legislative provisions that may be promulgated or enacted by the Federal Government whereby the state is

invited, permitted or authorized to participate in the distribution, disbursement or administration of any fund or funds advanced, offered or contributed by the Federal Government for adult education in the elementary or high school field.

**341.060 Administration of adult education funds.** After the State Board of Education has accepted such executive or legislative provisions of the Federal Government, the state board, through the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall act as the agency of the state in administering and giving full force and effect to the provisions and conditions so promulgated or enacted. The state board may, by adopting rules and regulations, provide in compliance with the federal provisions and in cooperation with the county or other local district, for the administration of any state or federal funds which are for the support or encouragement of adult education in the elementary or high school field.

**341.070 Adult higher education classes; funds.** Any district school board may enter into a contract with the Department of Higher Education, acting through the State Board of Higher Education and the general extension division, for the holding of classes of lower division collegiate grade in the school district. The classes shall be conducted under the joint supervision of the general extension division and the superintendent of schools of said district. The school board may provide funds in the regular budget for conducting such classes and may expend the funds of the district so budgeted in meeting the costs of the classes.

**341.080 Other adult education programs.** No part of ORS 341.010 to 341.070 shall be construed to mean any interference with, infringement upon, or control or supervision of any form of adult education sponsored or administered by other state departments, labor groups, independent colleges, organizations, clubs, associations and others without state support and not under state auspices; nor be construed to mean a duplication, curtailment, control or supervision of the programs of adult education of the Oregon state system of higher education.

**341.090 and 341.200** [Reserved for expansion]

**AMERICANIZATION**

**341.210 Department of Americanization established.** For the purpose of advancing the education and Americanization of adult immigrants in Oregon, a separate department of the state school system, to be known as the Department of Americanization, hereby is established.

**341.220 Conduct and supervision of Department of Americanization.** The Department of Americanization shall be conducted in conjunction with the public school system and shall be directed and operated under the supervision and control of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with such regulation as set forth in ORS 341.230 to 341.250.

**341.230 Commission of Americanization; creation; members; terms; duties.** There hereby is created a nonpaid State Commission of Americanization consisting of five persons, two of whom shall serve for three years and three of whom shall serve for five years, whose duties are to confer with the Superintendent of Public Instruction on general Americanization problems. The commission members shall be appointed by the State Board of Education. Upon the expiration of the term of any member, appointment or reappointment shall be for a period of five years.

**341.240 Powers of Americanization commission.** The State Commission of Americanization hereby is authorized:

(1) To propose a standardized course of study in Americanization schools.

(2) To have general power to promote and advance the work of Americanization throughout the state in conjunction with the general public school system.

**341.250 Director of Americanization.** The Superintendent of Public Instruction may employ a Director of Americanization, who shall be paid such salary, out of the funds otherwise provided for by law, as shall be fixed by the Americanization commission. The duties of the director shall be carried out under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and shall include development and promotion of Americanization work in communities of the state where adult immigrants reside. He shall cooperate with all agencies engaged in educational activities having for their purpose the education and Americanization of the immi-

grant. He shall promote Americanization work primarily in school districts where no Americanization funds are available.

**341.260 to 341.300** [Reserved for expansion]

**CIVIC CENTERS**

**341.310 Use of schoolhouses as civic centers.** There hereby is established a civic center at each public schoolhouse where the citizens of the respective public school districts may engage in supervised recreational activities, and where they may meet and discuss any and all subjects and questions which in their judgment may appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic and moral interests of the citizens of the respective communities in which they reside. Such use of public schoolhouses and grounds shall in no wise interfere with such use and occupancy of the public schoolhouse and grounds required for public school purposes.

**341.320 Cost of use and maintenance of schoolhouse as civic center.** Lighting, heating, janitor service and services of a special supervising officer when needed, in connection with the use of public school buildings and grounds as set forth in ORS 341.310, shall be provided for out of the county or special school funds of the respective school districts in the same manner and by the same authority as such similar services are provided for. Such use of the schoolhouses, property and ground shall be granted free except that in case of entertainments where an admission fee is charged, a charge may be made for the use of schoolhouses, property and grounds and a charge may be made for the use of and equipment for gymnasiums, swimming pools, athletic fields and tennis courts.

**341.330 Management vested in school board.** The management, direction and control of the civic center shall be vested in the district school board. The district school board shall make all needful rules and regulations for conducting civic center meetings and for such recreational activities as are provided for in ORS 341.310. The district school board may appoint a special supervising officer who shall have charge of the grounds, preserve order, protect the school property and do all things necessary in the capacity of a peace officer to carry out the provisions and intents and purposes of ORS 341.310 to 341.340.

**341.340 Authority to refuse use of schoolhouse.** The provisions of ORS 341.310 are not mandatory upon any district school board. Whenever in its judgment it seems inadvisable to permit the use of a schoolhouse for the purpose requested, the board may refuse the use of the schoolhouse for any of the purposes mentioned in ORS 341.310.

**341.350 to 341.980** [Reserved for expansion]

**PENALTIES**

**341.990 Penalties.** Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is a misdemeanor.

