

As of October 2010, 36.5% of Corvallis School District Students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Schools where 40% or more students receive free or reduced lunch are classified as Title 1 schools.

Corvallis School District has Five Title 1 Schools.

Corvallis School District  
Title 1 Schools

Garfield Elementary	75.1%
Lincoln Elementary	68.2%
Wilson Elementary	51.8%
Mountain View Elementary	49.7%
Linus Pauling	42.5%

To find out how you can help support our children in poverty, please contact the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation, or visit us at our website for more information.

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Student  
Opportunity for  
Success Fund



Ensuring Possibilities  
for the Future

## Student Opportunity for Success (SOS) Fund

The degree to which schools have been able to assist families and the number of children potentially affected by the availability of funds to assist with student and family needs varies largely by school. The goal of the SOS fund is to support students in having a full educational experience regardless of their families economic status.

Established in 2009, the SOS Fund is distributed amongst Corvallis Schools based upon their need. The definition of need, and the subsequent percentage allocated, is derived from the number of students qualifying for the school's free and reduced lunch plans, thus, the schools with the higher levels of free and reduced lunch participants receive a greater percentage of the SOS Fund.

SOS Funds address a variety of needs. In the past year they have purchased hygiene supplies, clothing, new backpacks, school t-shirts, field trips and after school activity fees. These funds go far in providing children with the extra items that enhance their educational experience.

## Poverty in Benton County

### *How is Poverty Measured?*

At the federal level, the Census Bureau and the Department of Health and Human Services work together to define a measure of minimum income called a poverty threshold. This threshold is expressed in terms of annual income. Individuals and families who earn less than the poverty threshold are considered impoverished.

In 2010, a family of four, with two children under the age of 18, were considered to be living in poverty if it had an income of less than \$22,162 a year.

The number of Benton County residents in poverty grew more than 4,000 between 2000 and 2007—a 41 percent increase. Just 7 percent of families had incomes below the poverty level, one of the lowest rates of family poverty in the state.



### *Why it Matters for Our Students*

Corvallis Public Schools Foundation is committed to supporting an enriching education for all students regardless of Income. However, our schools with the greatest percentage of students in poverty have additional needs. Often times these students come to school without supplies of adequate clothing. They may have little or no help with homework and lack the resources for tutoring. Students living in poverty are at greater risk for absenteeism due to a need to work or look after younger siblings while parents try to provide for the family. Students living in poverty who receive extra educational support have a greater chance of graduating and breaking the poverty cycle.

**Test Scores yet to  
be found...**