

SCHOOL DISTRICT #29 JANUARY 2026

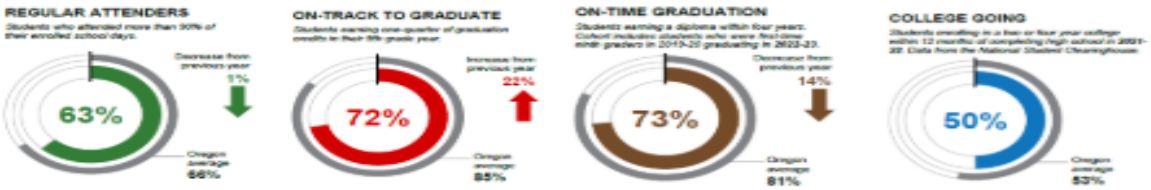
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Dear Dufur School District Families and Community, December 22, 2025

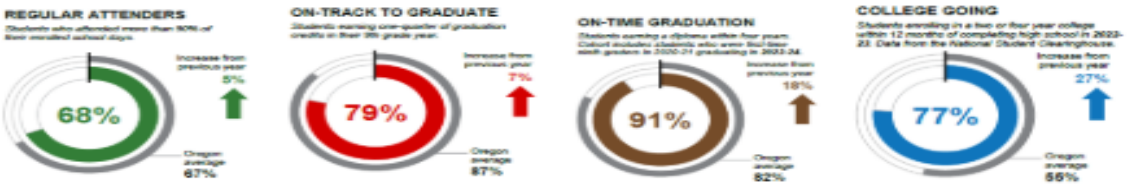
With winter break hours away, I want to share my gratitude for students, staff, and families who make Dufur School District such a supportive and great place to learn. This season offers a natural moment to pause, reflect, and I'm encouraged by the steady progress our school is making together.

The Oregon Department of Education released their 2024-2025 State Report Cards, and I'm pleased to highlight several encouraging signs of growth across the district. Dufur School has demonstrated the following areas of improvement.

2023-2024



2024-2025



Dufur School is proud to share strong gains in key student success indicators over the past year. Regular attendance increased by five percent, while the percentage of freshmen on track to graduate rose from 72% to 79%. On-time graduation jumped an impressive 19%, and post-secondary enrollment climbed from 50% to 77%. These outcomes reflect the collective commitment of our students, staff, and families to high expectations and meaningful opportunities for every learner.

While we are encouraged by this progress, there is important work ahead to ensure at least 90% of our students are meeting benchmarks in attendance and on-track graduation status (a 9th grade benchmark). This year, we implemented a Building Leadership Team that closely monitors attendance trends and essential skills performance in reading and math, allowing us to respond earlier and more intentionally when students need support. This team is focused on using data to guide instruction, interventions, and systems that benefit all learners. A deeper analysis of our 2024–2025 state assessment results will be shared in my January letter, along with next steps to continue strengthening student outcomes across the district.

Sincerely,

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Board of Directors Meeting

Updated Date: The January meeting of the Dufur School District Board of Directors will be held on **Wednesday, January 7th at 5:30 pm**. This meeting is open to the public and can also be joined online via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting link, agenda, meeting minutes and video archive can be found on the Board of Directors page on our website.

Non-School Days

Students return from Winter Break on Monday, January 5th! School will not be in session for students or staff on Monday, January 19th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Monday, January 26th, is a staff in-service day. School will not be in session for students.

Academics

January 23rd marks the end of our 1st Semester, 2nd Elementary Quarter and 2nd Mid-Level Elective Quarter. **This is also the deadline for high school students to turn in any community service hours earned prior to January 23rd!** Monday, the 26th, will be a staff in-service day for teachers to prepare grade reports. Report cards will be sent home within that week.

Student of the Quarter

We will be having an assembly on January 30th to honor our Students of the Quarter. It till be held in the lower gym from 2:45 to 3:15 pm.

Athletics

For up-to-date Ranger Basketball schedules visit our website Sports Schedule page.

Junior High and High School Athletic teams will be having team and individual photos taken on January 14th. Pat Shortt Photography will be here. Information for ordering pictures will be shared with families prior to this date.

CTE Construction News

February is CTE Month. The Dufur School CTE programs are working hard planning and looking forward to the Dufur School annual K-5 CTE Fair.

RPEF Awards

Thanks to the request submitted by Sarah Tierney on behalf of the Elementary Garden Committee project, the Ranger Pride Education Foundation has awarded us funds to purchase the remaining soil for our garden beds. In March, we will have an additional eight yards to fill the remaining big beds of the elementary garden and the remaining classroom beds outside of Mrs. Odell's classroom. We should also have enough to top-off the rest of the beds that have settled over the winter. This will put us in great shape for spring planting for all PK-5 classrooms. Thank you RPEF!

Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry located at Dufur School is open each Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. All members of the community are welcome when there is a need for food assistance. If you need emergency food assistance, please call the school office at 541-298-5141.

Beyond January...

Feb 3	Dufur School Board Meeting
Feb 9	Officer Gomez Mid/High Assembly
Feb 11	Ranger TECH CTE Fair for K-5th
Feb 13	Staff Development Day—No School for Students
Feb 16	Scholastic Book Fair begins
Feb 20	Scholastic Book Fair ends
Feb 23	Missoula Children's Theatre Week begins!
Feb 27	Dufur School and MCT present ***Hercules***
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Mar 3	Dufur School Board Meeting
Mar 13	Staff Development Day—No School for Students
Mar 23	Spring Break Begins
Apr 2	End of Quarter 3 & Semester 2 Mid-Term
Apr 3	Staff In-Service—No School for Students