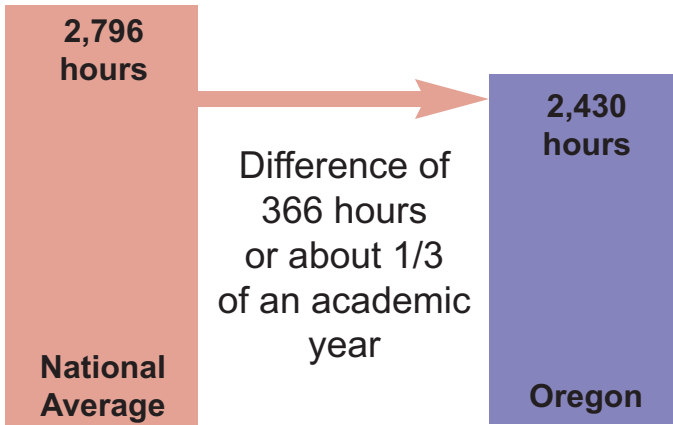


# Oregon's Learning Time Gap Grades 1-3

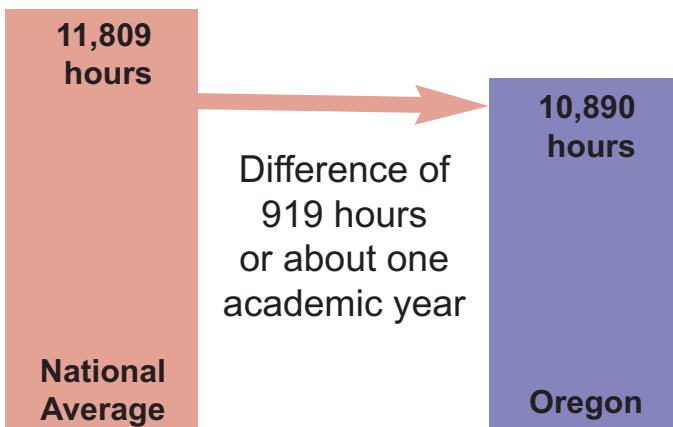
Total required minimum instructional hours



Data Source: Education Commission of the States, "Number of Instructional Days/Years in the School Year," 2013

# Oregon's Learning Time Gap Grades 1-12

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WHY HAVE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN? Beginning in September 2015, Lincoln County School District will offer full-day kindergarten. There are two reasons for this.

First, the state of Oregon is strongly recommending and encouraging all school districts throughout the state to offer full-day kindergarten.

Second, and most importantly, the school district feels that this is what's best for kids. Many of our students are arriving in kindergarten lacking basic early learning skills. The extra academic and social/emotional learning provided in a full-day kindergarten classroom would give our young students a strong foundation for future success.

As charts at left show, Oregon has an Early Learning Time Gap for students in grades 1-3. That is, Oregon requires a minimum of 810 hours of instruction for students in grades 1-3, compared to the national minimum average of 932 hours (and compared to Washington state's minimum of 1,000 hours). This means that by the time Oregon students are finishing up third grade, they will have received about 15% less instructional time than the national average (and about 24% less instructional time than their Washington counterparts).

If we can expand kindergarten from half-day to full-day, we can help to counteract this gap in instructional hours.