

2016-2017 OFIS Annual Membership Information & Application

The Oregon Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS) is an organization representing private preschool and K-12 schools in Oregon. Governed by a board of directors reflecting the diversity of Oregon's private schools, OFIS works to ensure that Oregon private schools are able to operate with a minimum of government influence or control so that parents can choose from a wide range of educational options for their children. OFIS conducts programs and meetings throughout the year and publishes its Oregon View newsletter to keep its members informed of developments and news affecting private schools.

In past years, OFIS has worked hard to ensure that administrative rules regarding voluntary registration of private schools did not unduly restrict private schools operation in Oregon. This included appearances before the Private School Advisory Committee and the State Board of Education. Private School Appreciation Day has been proclaimed by the governor and affirmed by the Board of Education every year since 1991, and the legislature has often joined in its support as well. We can now look forward to Private School Appreciation Day being proclaimed on the first Thursday in February each year.

OFIS has received recognitions and commendations for its work from both the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) and the U.S. Department of Education.

All private schools need to join OFIS now to enable OFIS to do its job. School members are listed in the OFIS Directory distributed to those who inquire about Oregon private schools. Note: Membership must be received by October 16 for directory inclusion. Subject to underwriter approval, member schools are offered preferred insurance rates and dividends based on lower client acquisition costs. OFIS members receive a subscription to CAPE's *Outlook* newsletter. Please specify paper or electronic version below.

PACE-SETTER SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - \$2.00 or more per student (\$50 minimum). For schools desiring to contribute "beyond the call" to aid OFIS in attaining its goals and purposes.

FULL SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - \$1.00 per student (\$50 minimum, \$400 maximum)

Contact OFIS at (503) 850.3546 for further information, or for individual, group or association memberships.

----- **MEMBERSHIP PERIOD -- July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017** -----

Use PayPal at OFISWEB.ORG via the PURCHASE MEMBERSHIP link at the bottom of the page
or

Fill out and mail this application to: **Treasurer, OFIS, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027**

FULL # of students _____ x \$1.00 = \$_____ (\$50 Minimum, \$400 maximum)
or PACESETTER # of students _____ x \$2.00 = \$_____ (\$50 Minimum)

MEMBER: _____ SCHOOL HEAD: _____

OFIS REP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GRADE LEVELS/AGES TAUGHT: _____ WEBPAGE SITE: _____

CAPE *Outlook* version preferred: Paper _____ Electronic _____

OFIS member schools admit students regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or ancestry, to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to their students, and they make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or ancestry in administration of educational policies, applications for admission, scholarship programs, and athletic or extra-curricular programs.

Dues are not deductible as Charitable Contributions for Income Tax Purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.