

Reducing College Costs for Salem Keizer Households

Last year (2021–22) 689 Salem-Keizer School District students paid \$30 to participate in Chemeketa’s College Credit Now program. They earned 5,690 Chemeketa credits while in high school, saving their families \$719,030 in college tuition and fees. 2,373 Salem-Keizer School District graduates who received the Oregon Promise enrolled at Chemeketa in the past five years. The Oregon Promise recipients from Salem-Keizer School District have been awarded a total of \$5,151,182 in Oregon Promise grants.

Rewarding High Achieving Salem Keizer Students

1,629 Salem-Keizer School District graduates with a 3.5 or better high school GPA have enrolled as Chemeketa Scholars over the past ten years (2012–2021). Chemeketa Scholars are awarded a full tuition scholarship. The Chemeketa Scholars from Salem-Keizer School District accumulated a total tuition savings of \$8,926,275.

A Popular Choice for Salem Keizer Graduates

25% of Salem-Keizer School District graduates from 2020–21 enrolled at Chemeketa during the 2021–22 academic year.

Salem Keizer Alumni Success

In the past five years, 4,728 Salem-Keizer School District alumni completed a Chemeketa certificate or degree and/or transferred from Chemeketa to a 4-year institution.

Other Key Facts

Economic Contribution

Chemeketa’s contribution to the regional economy (wages, contracts, student spending) totaled \$895 million in 2018–19. (EMSI, 2020)

Keeping Chemeketa Affordable

Tuition Chemeketa’s \$136 per credit tuition & fees for 2022–23 is one of the more moderately priced of Oregon’s 17 community colleges.

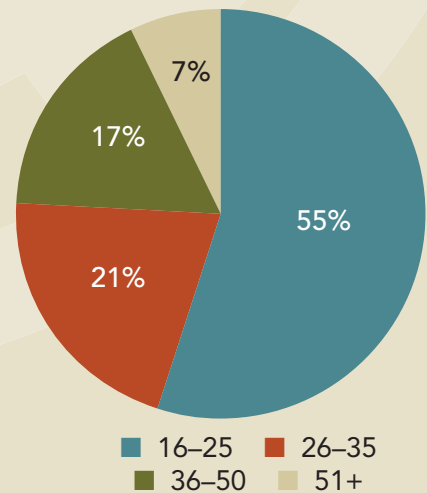
Chemeketa Press From 1977 to 2015, the price of commercial textbooks rose 1000% — three times the rate of inflation — making textbooks an often insurmountable barrier for students. Something had to be done, so Chemeketa’s administrators and faculty began to pursue a college-wide initiative to lower the price of textbooks. Many solutions were proposed, among them a project to allow faculty to create their own textbooks with the help of the college.

Chemeketa Press was launched in 2015, making Chemeketa the only community college in the nation publishing peer-reviewed textbooks with original content authored by the college’s faculty. Chemeketa Press has sold over 41,000 books to our students, saving them at least \$4.9 million by replacing expensive commercial textbooks.

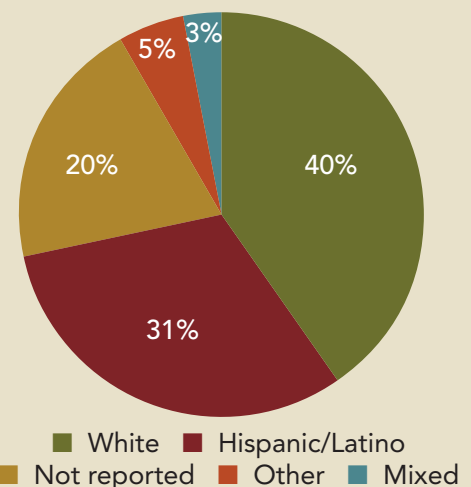
Students

Headcount Over 17,670 people took at least one class from Chemeketa in 2020–21.

Student Age



Race & Ethnicity



Note: Our percentage of Hispanic/Latino students qualifies the college as a Hispanic Serving Institution.