Sharing as we do responsibility for public post-high school education in Oregon and having shared interests in some aspects of education affecting public elementary and secondary education, the members of the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education consider it essential that they be in continuing and close touch with each other on matters of mutual interest. There are several such matters, of which the subject of this present statement is one.

As the two Boards engage in joint consultations with respect to shared interests—which we anticipate doing more frequently than in the past—we believe that it may prove useful from time to time to summarize our views and to formalize them in statements such as this present one. As benchmarks, these statements will offer opportunity to clarify for all who have an interest in public education in Oregon, the shared views of the Joint Boards in areas in which their official responsibilities are joined.

The accompanying statement on (1) the coordination of off-campus credit and noncredit education, and (2) articulation among and between two- and four-year colleges and universities, and secondary schools, is the 1978 version of this statement.

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