

WHAT IS SMILE?

SMILE is an after-school science and math club at Coquille Valley Elementary. It is funded through Oregon State University and grants from private corporations and foundations, and federal and state agencies. SMILE's goal is to increase interest, skills, and career awareness in math, engineering, the health professions, science and teaching among students who traditionally do not choose these fields or enroll in college. Therefore, preference for membership is given to those students from historically under-represented minority groups, students from families with low income backgrounds, and students who would be the first members of their family to receive a college degree.

The program is designed so that students can participate in SMILE in grades 4 through 12, and graduate from high school fully prepared to enroll and to **be successful** in college.

SMILE teachers plan a CHALLENGING and FUN one-hour club meeting each week, and regular field trips during the year. The SMILE staff at Oregon State University also organize special events that bring together SMILE students from around the state. Middle school students and High school students attend a college connection event on the campuses of regional colleges/universities and/or OSU in the spring and have the opportunities to enroll in summer programs.

For the SMILE Program to be successful, **it is important that participating students want to be in the club, and will attend as many meetings and field trips as possible.** Students must also agree to keep their grades up and their behavior satisfactory. SMILE is designed to serve students who want to succeed in school and are willing to commit time and effort to the program.

Parents are encouraged to be a part of SMILE. All SMILE parents are welcome at any of the weekly meetings. These meetings will be Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:15.

Some of our **local** field trips may require parents to help with transportation. Your help in these areas will be greatly appreciated. *It is the parents' responsibility to arrange for transportation home after the meetings and field trips.*

To remain in SMILE the student understands he or she must;

1. Be actively involved during the meetings.
2. Attend all meetings field trips and special events. Only three unexcused absences will be allowed.
3. Have no proficiency grade below a 2. If there is such a grade, the student will be on a 3-week probation to raise the grades.
4. Maintain a satisfactory behavior and citizenship record.