

INTRODUCTION:

La Grande School District is located in the Grande Ronde Valley of Eastern Oregon. The district includes the communities of La Grande and Island City and accounts for a combined population of approximately 14,000 residents. La Grande is the Union County seat, home to Eastern Oregon University and serves as a regional education hub. The area has access to a unique blend of cultural, athletic, recreational and entertainment amenities.

One can ski, hike, camp, fish, bike, hunt, boat and golf within an easy drive of La Grande or explore nearby areas such as Morgan Lake, Ladd Marsh, Mt. Emily Recreation Area, Elkhorn Mountains, Anthony Lakes and renowned Wallowa Lake. The numerous streams, rivers and lakes are home to salmon, steelhead and native trout. La Grande was one of the famous pioneer stops on the historic Oregon Trail.



Farming and ranching are important sources of income in the Grande Ronde Valley. Some key employers include Grande Ronde Hospital, Woodgrain Millwork, Barreto Manufacturing, Northwood Manufacturing, Eastern Oregon University and the Union Pacific Railroad. Annual events of note are the Eastern Oregon Film Festival, Ladd Marsh Bird Festival, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union County Fair and the EOU sponsored Indian Arts Festival/Spring Powwow.