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Baker Charter Schools has been named as the number one in the top 100 nonprofits to work for in Oregon. The honor was awarded by the Portland Business Journal.

“It's based on an employee survey. It's pretty cool,” said Dr. Daniel Huld, superintendent of Baker Charter Schools.

Baker Charter Schools is in the category of large nonprofits with more than 50 employees. Although based in Baker City, the online school has eight offices in Oregon and 150 employees.

Huld said there are more than 21,300 nonprofits in Oregon.

“Of all the large size nonprofits, we were the best,” he said.

Baker Charter Schools has a five-member school board. It offers two programs for students: Baker Web Academy, which serves students in grades Kindergarten through 12, and Baker Early College. Each has its own charter. In the Early College program, students take 12 credits at a community college while also earning high school credits. If a student starts Early College as a high school sophomore, he or she can earn an associate's degree along with a high school diploma.

Although Baker Charter Schools utilizes an online platform, teachers are assigned 25 to 30 students they meet in person every two weeks and contact online several times per week. Teachers also grade classes in their content areas.

Baker Charter Schools has a partnership with Baker School District, which receives a portion of funds for every enrolled student. Of the 2,500 students enrolled throughout Oregon, 50 to 60 live in Baker County. [moved]

Superintendent Mark Witty stated, “They have been great partners for Baker School District and afford local students more options than would be normal for a school district our size.”

The Baker 5J schools enhance community vitality by providing opportunities for rewarding, individual educational experiences.
“They're very supportive of what we're doing,” Huld said. “Mark has been great to work with.”

About Baker School District 5J
Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) is a major employer in Baker City, OR, serving 1,700 students locally with an additional 2,500 online students across the state of Oregon. Through enterprising, collaborative endeavors, BSD is creating an engaging educational foundation for future Oregonians. BSD believes strong school collaboration with local partners enables us to create vibrant communities that support lifelong learners.