

Alternative Education Programs**

The Board is dedicated to providing varied educational options for all students. It is recognized there will be students in the district whose needs and interests are best served by participation in an alternative education program.

A list of alternative education programs will be approved by the Board annually. The superintendent may provide for the involvement of staff, parents and the community in recommending alternative education programs for Board approval. Annual evaluation of alternative education programs will be made in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.655 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-1350. The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this requirement.

Alternative education programs will consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling. These programs may be public or private. Private alternative education programs shall be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Alternative programs must meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 336.625, 336.631 and 336.637.

The district shall pay the actual alternative education program cost or an amount equal to 80 percent of the district's estimated current year's average per-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The district will enter into a written contract with the alternative programs.

Students, upon parent request, may be placed in an alternative education program if the district determines that the placement serves the student's educational needs and interests and assists the student in achieving district and state academic content standards. Such placement must have the approval of the student's resident district and, as appropriate, the attending district. The district will also consider and propose alternative education programs for students prior to expulsion or leaving school as required by law.

If a parent receives an exemption to withdraw a student age 16 or 17 the district has no obligation to pay for an alternative program.

If a student is not successful in the alternative program, there is no obligation on the part of the district to propose or fund a second alternative.

General notification of the alternative education law shall be contained in the student/parent handbook distributed each year.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 336.014](#)

[ORS 336.145](#)

[ORS 336.175](#)

[ORS 336.179](#)

[ORS 336.615 to -336.665](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

[OAR 581-021-0065](#)

[OAR 581-021-0070](#)

[OAR 581-021-0071](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

[OAR 581-022-1620](#)

[OAR 581-023-0006](#)

[OAR 581-023-0008](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHB - Establishment of Alternative Education Programs

IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification

JGEA - Alternative Education Programs Following Expulsion