

Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy

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Alternative Education Programs

The district shall provide alternative education programs for students who are not making satisfactory progress towards the attainment of learning and behavior standards. These programs may be established directly by the district, or the district may cooperate with other agencies to provide these programs.

“Alternative education program” means a school or separate class group designed to assist students to achieve the goals of their curriculum in a manner consistent with their learning styles and needs (ORS 336.615). The term “separate school or class group” means a program that has organizational structure, a teaching staff, a budget, and a specific curriculum separate from other schools.

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 education programs must meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 336.625, 336.631 and 336.637.

An alternative education program may be a school-within-a-school and share facilities, administration, and support services of another school, or may be an autonomous unit. Alternative education programs shall include a service delivery model that is student-centered and supported by teachers, parents or guardians¹, and community-based programs and services. These programs shall offer a student centered curriculum, use a variety of instructional strategies, and be accountable for standards comparable to other educational programs.

Students, upon parent or guardian 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.

¹As used in this policy, the term parent includes guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005(4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education student, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005(18).

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 district-approved private alternative education programs.

The district shall grant units of credit for work completed in its alternative education programs as provided in OAR 581-022-1350. Private and public alternative education programs operated or contracted by the district shall be approved by the Board. The district shall adopt policies and procedures for annual evaluation of all alternative education programs pursuant to ORS 336.655.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 109.056	OAR 581-015-0005(18)	OAR 581-023-0008
ORS 125.005(4)	OAR 581-021-0045	
ORS 125.300-125.325	OAR 581-021-0065	
ORS 329.035	OAR 581-021-0070	
ORS 329.485	OAR 581-021-0071	
ORS 332.072	OAR 581-022-1350	
ORS 336.135 - 336.183	OAR 581-022-1620	
ORS 336.525	OAR 581-023-0006	
ORS 336.615 - 336.665		
ORS 339.030		
ORS 339.250		
ORS 419B.373		

Cross Reference(s):

[IGBHB](#) - Establishment of Alternative Education Programs
[IGBHC](#) - Alternative Education Notification