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Alternative Education Programs**

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

A list of Board-approved alternative education programs will be adopted annually. Annual evaluation of alternative education programs and student performance will be made in accordance with ORS 336.655 and OAR 581-022-1350.

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

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. 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-pupil net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The district may fund an alternative education program that does not meet state funding requirements in order to meet the unique needs of a student. The placement will be at the recommendation of a district administrator and the cost will be as agreed to by the provider and the district. The district will follow state and federal law, and district policy regarding transportation. The district will enter into a written contract with the program.

If a parent receives an exemption on a semi-annual basis to withdraw a student age 16 or 17, the district has no obligation to pay for an alternative education program.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 336.145](#)

[ORS 336.175](#)

[ORS 336.179](#)

[ORS 336.183](#)

[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