

Alternative Education Programs**

The Board is dedicated to providing 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 ORS 336.655 and 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 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.

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 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-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The district will enter into a written contract with district-approved private alternative programs.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.035
ORS 329.485
ORS 332.072
ORS 336.135 - 336.183
ORS 336.615 - 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