

**Douglas County
School District 15**

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Alternative Education Programs**

The Board is dedicated to keeping all students enrolled in the regular educational program. It is recognized, however, that there will be students in the district who may benefit educationally in an alternative program.

A list of Board-approved 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 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. Home schooling by the parent is not alternative education placement. The parent is responsible for enrolling the student. If the student is 18 years of age, the student is responsible.

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-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 329.485](#)
[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