

# Eugene School District 4J

Code: **IGBHA**  
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## **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 educational 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 and guidance that assist the student in achieving district and state academic content standards and serve the student's educational needs and interests. 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.

If alternative education is being considered by either parents or the district, the district must first determine that it is unable to meet the student's educational needs within its schools and programs. All alternative education placements 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.

Students placed by the district in alternative education programs will be considered to be public school students during the time that they attend an alternative education program and will be included in the district's performance and other data reports.

This policy is not intended to allow for placement of registered homeschooled students in a qualified private alternative education program, with the exception of students who were enrolled in a qualified private alternative education program, pursuant to ORS 336.668 through 336.675, prior to May 1, 2008.

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](#)

HB 2040 (2007)

**Cross Reference(s):**

IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification