

# Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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## **Modified Diploma, Extended Diploma and Alternative Certificate**

The district believes that all students should be provided with a rigorous and relevant curriculum that will prepare them for success in college and the workforce in the 21st century. With this belief as a foundation to our graduation policy, IKF, the Board recognizes that diploma options are important to address all students' needs in our district. As such, the Gresham-Barlow School District will make available modified and extended diplomas and certificates of participation with the requirements provided herein.

A modified diploma will be awarded to students who have met specific requirements established by the State Board of Education and have demonstrated an inability to meet the full set of academic standards even with reasonable modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for a modified diploma a student must have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers or a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement. Modified diploma requirements are set forth in administrative regulations.

An extended diploma will be awarded to students who have met specific requirements established by State law (HB 2507) and have demonstrated an inability to meet academic content standards for a Gresham-Barlow, State of Oregon, or modified diploma with reasonable modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for an extended diploma a student must have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers or a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement. The student must also have participated in an alternate assessment beginning no later than sixth grade and lasting for two or more assessment cycles; or have a serious illness or injury occurring after grade eight that changes the student's ability to participate in grade level activities and results in the student participating in alternate assessments. Extended diploma requirements are set forth in administrative regulations.

An alternative certificate will be awarded to students who do not satisfy the requirements for a Gresham-Barlow, State of Oregon, modified or extended diploma if the student meets minimum credit requirements established by the district. An alternative certificate will be awarded based on individual student's needs and achievement. Alternative certificate requirements are defined in administrative regulations.

A student who receives a modified or extended diploma or alternative certificate will have the option of participating in a high school graduation ceremony with the student's class.

The district will award to students with disabilities a document certifying successful completion of program requirements. No document issued to students with disabilities educated in full or in part in a special education program shall indicate that the document is issued by such a program. When a student who has an individualized education program (IEP) completes high school, the district will give the student an individualized summary of performance.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until the age of 21, if they have earned a modified or extended diploma, certificate of attendance or completion of a General Education Development (GED) document. The continuation of services for students with modified or extended diplomas and alternative certificates is contingent on the IEP team determining services are needed.

Students and their parents will be notified of graduation and diploma requirements. The Gresham-Barlow School District may award a modified or extended diploma to a student only upon the written consent of the parent or guardian of the student.

Gresham-Barlow School District and its public charter schools shall award a regular diploma under OAR 581-022-1130 if all requirements for a regular diploma are met. Completion of one or more modified courses shall not prohibit a student from earning a Gresham-Barlow or State of Oregon diploma.

The requirements of this policy for a modified or extended diploma or an alternative certificate apply to any student who receives a diploma on or after July 1, 2009.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 329.035](#)

[ORS 329.095](#)

[ORS 329.447](#)

[ORS 329.451](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.114](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.295](#)

[OAR 581-021-0071](#)

[OAR 581-022-1110](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1210](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

HB 2507 (2009)