

InterMountain Education Service District

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 ESD 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 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. A qualified district may contract with a qualified private alternative education to provide services to a qualified home-schooled child.

Students, upon parent request, may be placed in an alternative education program if the ESD determines that the placement serves the student's educational needs and interests and assists the student in achieving ESD and state academic content standards. Such placement must have the approval of the student's resident ESD and, as appropriate, the attending district. The ESD will also consider and propose alternative education programs for students prior to expulsion or leaving school as required by law.

The ESD shall pay the actual alternative education program cost or an amount equal to 80 percent of the ESD's estimated current year's average per-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The ESD will enter into a written contract with ESD-approved private alternative programs.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 336.135 to-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](#)