

Multnomah Education Service District

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Alternative Education Programs**

The Board is dedicated to providing educational options for all students. It is recognized there shall be students whose needs and interests are best served by participation in an alternative education program.

A list of alternative education programs shall be approved by the Board annually as part of the Local Service Plan. The Superintendent may provide for the involvement of staff, parents and the community in recommending alternative education programs for Board approval. MESD shall facilitate and comply with annual evaluations of alternative education programs conducted by our component districts with involvement of MESD program staff in accordance with ORS 336.655 and OAR 581-022-1350. The Superintendent and Cabinet will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this requirement.

Alternative programs shall consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling. Alternative programs shall meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 336.625, 336.631 and 336.637.

Students, upon parent request, and with component district approval, may be placed in an alternative education program if MESD 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 shall have the approval of the student's resident district and, as appropriate, the attending district. MESD shall also consider and propose alternative education programs for students prior to expulsion or leaving school as required by law.

The component district shall pay the actual alternative education program cost.

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](#)