

Establishment of Alternative Education Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall in cooperating with the component school districts develop alternative education program options in compliance with Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes:

1. For students who are unable to succeed in the regular programs because of erratic attendance or behavioral problems;
2. For students who have not met or who have exceeded all of Oregon's academic content standards;
3. When necessary to meet a student's educational needs and interests;
4. To assist students in achieving district and state academic standards;
5. When a public or private alternative program is not readily available or accessible.

Alternative education programs implemented by MESD are to maintain learning options that are flexible with regard to environment, time, structure and pedagogy.

Examples of alternative education program options could include:

1. A separate school;
2. Evening classes;
3. Tutorial instruction;
4. Small group instruction;
5. Large group instruction;
6. Personal growth and development instruction;
7. Counseling and guidance;
8. Computer-assisted instruction;
9. Professional technical programs;

10. Cooperative work experience and/or supervised work experience, in accordance with the student's educational goals;
11. Instructional activities provided by institutions accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges;
12. Supervised community service activities performed as part of the instructional program;
13. Supervised independent study in accordance with a student's educational goals, and
14. MESD's Expanded Options program.

The Superintendent and Cabinet will develop administrative regulations for establishing alternative education programs.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.035	ORS Chapter 340	OAR 581-021-0071
ORS 329.485		OAR 581-022-1350
ORS 332.072	OAR 581-021-0045	OAR 581-022-1620
ORS 336.135 - 336.183	OAR 581-021-0065	OAR 581-023-0006
ORS 336.615 - 336.665	OAR 581-021-0070	OAR 581-023-0008
ORS 339.250		

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals	IKF - Graduation Requirements
AB - Mission, Vision, Values	IKH - Credit for Proficiency
AC - Non-Discrimination	IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs
AD - Educational Philosophy	IMB - Student Achievement Program
IA/IAA - Instructional Goals	JB - Equal Educational Opportunity
IAB - Learning Supports to Enhance Achievement	JEA - Compulsory Attendance**
IFD - Curriculum Adoption	JEC - School Admissions**
IG - Instructional Design	JECD - Assignment of Students to Classes**
IGBHE - Expanded Options Program	JGD - Suspension**
II/IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials	JGE - Expulsion**
IJ - Guidance Program	
IK - Academic Achievement**	