

Alternative Education Programs Following Expulsion**

Notification to students, parents, and guardians of the availability of alternative programs which are registered with the Oregon Department of Education shall be provided in the following situations:

1. Upon the occurrence of a second or any subsequent occurrence of a severe disciplinary problem within a three-year period;
2. When the district finds a student's attendance pattern to be so erratic that the student is not benefitting from the educational program;
3. When the district is considering expulsion as a disciplinary alternative for reasons other than a weapons policy violation;
4. When a student is expelled pursuant to subsection (4) of ORS 339.250 for reasons other than a weapons policy violation; and
5. When the student or the student's parent or legal guardian notifies the district of intent to withdraw from the program as provided under ORS 339.250(9 (d)).

The notification must include but is not limited to the following:

1. Student action which is the basis for consideration of alternative education;
2. Listing of alternative programs available for this student for which the district would provide financial support in accordance with ORS 336.635 except that when notice is given in accordance with section 5 above the district shall not be obligated to provide financial support;
3. The program or programs recommended for the student based on student's learning styles and needs; and
4. Procedures for enrolling the student in the recommended program.

Students will not be enrolled in a private alternative program unless the private alternative program meets all requirements of OAR581-021-0045.

Notification is defined as written notice, by personal service or certified mail, to the parent or guardian and student.

The district shall inform all parents or guardians of the law regarding alternative education and educational services available to students by such means as a statement in the student/parent handbook, notice in newspapers, or individual letters to parents when circumstances are appropriate.

The district shall annually evaluate the alternative programs it operates, participates in, or contracts with in accordance with OAR 581-022-1350.

Each August the Board shall approve the list of alternative educational programs pursuant to OAR 581-022-1350.