

### **Alternative Educational Programs**

Prior to a student leaving school or a student's expulsion, unless the expulsion is for a weapons policy violation, the District will propose in writing to the student or student's parent appropriate, accessible educational alternatives as determined by the District and as defined in the Board's policy on alternative education notification. Such alternative program(s) will be instructional and may include counseling.

The District may require a student to attend school during non-school hours as an alternative to suspension.

The proposal of potential alternatives will be hand-delivered or sent by certified mail to assure that the parent receives it prior to the time of an actual expulsion or leaving school.

Appropriate accessible programs may be either public or private (non-sectarian). Programs may be provided by the District as a separate school, evening classes or tutorial instruction. Homebound instruction could be considered an appropriate alternative.

The District shall pay the actual cost of the District proposed alternative program or an amount equal to 80 percent of the District's estimated current year's average per student net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The District is not obligated to provide or pay for transportation. The District will enter into a written contract with the program provider.

If a parent receives an exemption on a semi-annual basis to withdraw a student age 16 or 17, the District has no obligation to pay for an alternative program.

If a student is not successful in the alternative program or the program is not accepted by the students and/or parents, there is no obligation to propose or fund a second alternative.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.615 - 336.665](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0070](#)

[OAR 581-021-0071](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

[OAR 581-022-1620](#)

[OAR 581-023-0006](#)

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