

**Saint Helens
School District 502**

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 district who may benefit educationally in an alternative program.

A list of Board-approved alternative programs will be adopted annually. Semi-annual evaluation of alternative programs and student performance will be made.

Alternative programs will consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling. These programs may be public or private. Private alternative programs shall be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Alternative programs must meet all the requirements set forth in OAR 581-21-045. Home schooling by the parent is not alternative placement. The parent is responsible for enrolling the student. If the student is 18 years of age, the student is responsible.

The District shall pay the actual alternative program cost 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.

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, there is no obligation to propose or fund a second alternative.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.485	OAR 581-021-0045	OAR 581-022-1350
ORS 332.072	OAR 581-021-0065	OAR 581-022-1620
ORS 336.135 to-336.183	OAR 581-021-0070	OAR 581-023-0006
ORS 336.615 to-336.665	OAR 581-021-0071	OAR 581-023-0008
ORS 339.030		
ORS 339.250		

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHB - Establishment of Alternative Education Programs
IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification