

Expanded Options Program

The Board is committed to providing additional options to students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 to continue or complete their education, to earn concurrent high school and college credits and to gain early entry into post-secondary education.

Eligible Students

Eligible students may apply to take courses at a post-secondary institution through the Expanded Options Program. A student is eligible for the Expanded Options Program if he/she is in grade 11 or 12 or is 16 years or older, has developed an educational learning plan and has not completed four years of high school. A student who has graduated from high school may not participate; however, a student who has completed course requirements for graduation, but who has not received a diploma, may participate in the Expanded Options Program.

Student Notification

If the College accepts a student for enrollment, it will send written notice to the student, the student's district and the Department of Education within 20 days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the College courses and hours of enrollment offered to the student.

Student Advising

The College shall provide academic advising to the student as appropriate. Once participating in the Expanded Options Program, a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the College. The College shall award post-secondary credit for any eligible college-level course successfully completed.

Financial Agreement

The College will enter into a financial agreement with the student's district and may not charge the student for tuition, fees and other required instructional costs associated with the student's enrollment.

Special Education Services

The College shall comply with State Board of Education standards and shall also enter into a written contract with the student's district if it intends to provide special education and related services to the student. The contract shall include the following at a minimum:

1. Allowance for the student to remain in the program during the pendency of any special education due process hearing unless the parents and district agree otherwise;

2. Immediate notification to the district if the institution suspects that a student participating in the program may have a disability and requires special education or related services;
3. Immediate notification to the district if the student engaged in conduct that may lead to suspension or expulsion; and
4. Immediate notification to the district of any complaint made by the parents of the student regarding the student's participation in the program at the institution.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapter 340](#)

[ORS 341.290](#)