

Alternative Educational Programs

The Board is dedicated to keeping all students enrolled in the regular educational program. It is recognized however, that there will be students in the district who may benefit educationally in an alternative education program.

A list of alternative education programs may be approved by the Board annually, based on superintendent recommendations and contract requirements. The superintendent shall provide for the involvement of staff, parents and the community in alternative education programs recommendations. Annual evaluation of alternative programs and student performance will be made in accordance with ORS 336.655 and OAR 581-022-1350. The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this requirement.

Alternative education programs will consist of instruction or instruction combined with other approaches. These programs may be public or private. Private alternative education programs shall be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Alternative education programs must meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 336.625, 336.631 and 336.637. 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.

Students, upon parent request, may be placed in an alternative education program if the district determines that the placement serves the student's educational needs and interests and assists the student in achieving district and state academic content standards. Such placement must have the approval of the student's resident district and, as appropriate, the attending district. The district will also consider and propose alternative education programs for students prior to expulsion or leaving school as required by law.

The district shall pay the actual alternative education program cost or an amount equal to 80 percent of the district's state average per-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less. The district will enter into a written contract with district-approved private alternative education programs.

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 education program.

If a student is not successful in the alternative education program, there is no obligation to propose or fund other alternatives.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.035

ORS 329.485

ORS 332.072

ORS 336.135 - 336.183

ORS 336.615 - 336.665

ORS 339.030

ORS 339.250

OAR 581-021-0045

OAR 581-021-0065

OAR 581-021-0070

OAR 581-021-0071

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