

Alternative Certificate

An alternative certificate shall be awarded to a student who does not satisfy the requirements for a regular, modified or extended diploma. The district will award an alternative certificate to students based on individual student needs and achievement.

The district shall issue an Alternative Certificate to a student who has been unable to earn a diploma due to extenuating circumstances. To earn an Alternative Certificate the student will have met the following requirements:

1. Has been enrolled with Central Linn School District at least a full year and the last semester of the senior year.
2. Has earned a minimum of 15-course credits.
3. Has made application for the Alternative Certificate.
4. Has a completed graduation or transitional plan from school-to-work plan on file.
5. Has documented extenuating circumstances on file and accepted by the Superintendent or his designee or school committee.
6. Any of the above requirements may be waived by the Superintendent or his designee.
7. The Superintendent will inform the school board of discretionary decisions he/she makes in regards to students participating in graduation exercises that may take an alternative path to meeting graduation criteria.

Each student receiving an alternative certificate shall have the option of participating in the high school graduation ceremony with the members of their class receiving a high school diploma.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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