

## **Alternative Education Programs**

The Board is dedicated to providing educational options for all students. It is recognized there will be students in the district whose needs and interests are best served by participation in an alternative education program.

A list of alternative education programs will be approved by the Board annually. The superintendent may provide for the involvement of staff, parents and the community in recommending alternative education programs for Board approval. Annual evaluation of alternative education programs 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 counseling. 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.

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 the program assists the 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 estimated current year's average per-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less and the district is not obligated to provide nor pay for transportation or any fees. The district will enter into a written contract with district-approved private alternative programs limiting fees to cover instruction for Division 22 Standards and State Assessment Standards.

If a student is 16 years of age or older and voluntary withdraws from the school, the district must provide the same documentation of alternative programs; however, the district has no obligation to pay for such a program(s).

If a student is not successful in an alternative program, there is no obligation to propose or fund a second alternative program.

**END OF POLICY**

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.035	ORS 339.250	OAR 581-023-1620
ORS 329.485	OAR 581-021-0045	OAR 581-023-0006
ORS 332.072	OAR 581-021-0065	OAR 581-023-0008
ORS 336.135 - 336.183	OAR 581-021-0070	
ORS 336.615 - 336.665	OAR 581-021-0071	
ORS 339.030	OAR 581-022-1350	