



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J

Alternative Education Programs
2025-2026 School Year

In accordance with ORS 336.631(3) and Board Policy IGBHA, the Superintendent must annually approve each alternative education program the district sponsors or allows its students to participate in or contracts with to provide services to Fern Ridge School District (FRSD) students. During the 2025-2026 school year the FRSD offers for approval the following Alternative School Programs:

Out-of-District Contracted Service Providers:

- **Looking Glass/Riverfront School & Career Center** provides educational assessment, basic skills instruction, GED preparation and completion, completion of a high school diploma, completion of Adult Education Diploma, vocational assessment, career exploration, pre-employment training (paid and non-paid), work experience, hands-on training in electronics, manufacturing, culinary arts, health occupations, natural resources, teen parent program and special education program services. Full day and half day options are available. Target group is 14-21 year old students, particularly those who are not currently in school and would have a difficult time completing their diploma on schedule.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center (Court School)** serves youth that are involved with the juvenile justice system and not experiencing success in traditional school programs. They seek to help youth achieve academic success and gain social skills so they may return to their resident school or alternative school or move into vocational programs. The target group is 11-19 year old youth that are under supervision of the juvenile system and are not experiencing success in other academic systems. Sometimes students are assigned by the courts to Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center.
- **Bridgeway House** is a special education program for high intensity autism students.
- **Wellsprings Friends School** provides alternative learning approaches, supportive community, and a culture of individual affirmation, in which teenagers are mentored and assisted towards meeting the challenges of adolescence and adulthood.

The above Out-of-District programs will be evaluated on several criteria consistent with applicable Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) and per a Lane ESD-School District and Alternative Schools Committee understanding as to the protocol for said yearly evaluation. The FRSD will either perform an evaluation based on the attached policies and administrative rules or accept another Lane County School Districts evaluation and in conjunction with specific FRSD required data determine whether or not the alternative program meets the established expectations.

How students are assigned: Voluntary and Assigned per expulsion hearing, building administration referral to Superintendent or by IEP team decision.