
Alternative Education Programs**

The board is dedicated to providing educational options for all students. It recognizes that there will be students in the district who may benefit educationally in an alternative program.

[“Alternative education program” means a school or separate class group designed to best serve students’ educational needs and interests and assist students in achieving the academic standards of the school district and the state.](#)

A list of board-approved alternative programs (See board policy IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification for eligible students) will be adopted annually based on superintendent recommendations. The superintendent shall provide for the involvement of staff, parents [or guardians](#) and the community in recommending alternative programs for board approval. Approval and annual evaluation of alternative programs and student performance will be made pursuant to Oregon law. [The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to evaluate the district’s alternative education programs.](#)

Alternative programs will consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling. These programs may be public or private. [A private alternative education programs](#) shall be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Alternative [education](#) programs must meet all the requirements set forth in [state laws and rules, and federal law, as applicable.](#) ~~Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.615 to ORS 336.665 and regulations applicable to alternative education programs.~~ Home schooling is not placement in an alternative education program. A student’s parent is responsible for enrolling the student in a private alternative program, unless the student is 18 years of age, in which case the student is responsible for enrollment.

A student may be placed ~~upon a parent’s request~~ in an alternative education program, [after consultation with a parent or guardian](#), if the district determines that the placement is necessary to meet the student’s educational needs and interests and assists the student in achieving district and state academic standards. Placement in an alternative education program for a non-resident student requires the approval of the student’s resident district and the 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 cost of the alternative program or an amount equal to 80 percent of the district’s estimated current year’s average per-student net operating expenditure, whichever is less, [except students placed by the district through the IEP process. When contracting with a private alternative education program, the district’s contract will meet the requirements of law.](#) ~~The district will enter into a written contract with alternative education programs that satisfy Oregon’s statutory and regulatory criteria and to which district students actually attend with the district’s approval.~~

~~If a parent receives an exemption from compulsory attendance on a semi-annual basis to withdraw a student age 16 or 17, the district has no obligation to pay for an alternative program.~~

~~If a student is not successful in the alternative program selected or the alternative education programs are offered and not accepted by the student and/or parent, the district is not obligated to propose or fund alternatives.~~

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 336.014](#)

[ORS 336.175](#)

[ORS 336.615 to -336.665](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

[OAR 581-021-0065](#)

[OAR 581-021-0070](#)

[OAR 581-021-0071](#)

[OAR 581-022-2320](#)

[OAR 581-022-2505](#)

[OAR 581-023-0006](#)

[OAR 581-023-0008](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHB - Establishment of Alternative Education Programs

IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification

JGEA - Alternative Education Programs Related to Expulsion