

# Morrow County School District

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## 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.

**“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 alternative education programs will be approved by the Board annually. The superintendent may provide for the involvement of staff, parents **or guardians** and the community in recommending alternative education programs for Board approval, **and in the development of related Board policy and an administrative regulation.** Annual evaluation of alternative education programs will be made in accordance with ORS 336.655 and **Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 581-022-1350 2505.** The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to ~~implement this requirement~~ **evaluate the district’s alternative education programs.**

Alternative education programs will consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling. These programs may be public or private. ~~A Private~~ **Private** alternative 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~~ **in state law and rules, and federal law, as applicable.**

Students, ~~upon~~ **after consultation with a** parent **or guardian** 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 **cost of an** 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. ~~The district will enter into a written contract with district-approved private alternative programs~~ **When contracting with a private alternative education program, the district’s contract will meet the requirements of law.**

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

~~ORS 329.035~~  
~~ORS 329.485~~  
~~ORS 332.072~~

**ORS 336.014**  
**ORS 336.175**  
~~ORS 336.135—336.183~~

~~ORS 336.615 - 336.665~~  
~~ORS 339.030~~  
~~ORS 339.250~~

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[OAR 581-021-0045](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0065](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0070](#)  
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[OAR 581-022-1350](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1620](#)  
**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