Three Rivers 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 evaluations of alternative education programs will be made in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.655 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-13502505. 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. 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 state law and rules, and federal law, as applicable. A qualified school district may contract with a qualified private alternative education to provide services to a qualified home-schooled child.

Students, upon parent request, or upon recommendation of the school district after consultation with a parent or guardian, 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 alternative program cost of an alternative education 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. 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

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.035

ORS 329.485

ORS 332.075

ORS 336.135-336.183

ORS 336.615-336.665

ORS 339.030

ORS 339.250

OAR 581-021-0045

OAR 581-021-0065

OAR 581-021-0070

OAR 581-021-0071

OAR 581-022-1350

OAR 581-022-1620

OAR 581-023-0006

OAR 581-023-0008

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHB - Establishment of Alternative Education Programs IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification JEA - Compulsory Attendance