

IGBHA Alternative Education Programs**



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The Board is committed to providing varied educational program options designed for diverse student populations with service delivery models that are student-centered and supported by teachers, parents and communities.

A list of Board-approved alternative programs will be adopted annually. The superintendent will designate staff to conduct an annual evaluation of alternative programs and student performance. The superintendent or designee will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this requirement.

Alternative programs combine instruction, counseling and/or school-to-work partnerships (i.e., work experience credits). These programs may be public or private. Private alternative programs shall be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Alternative programs must meet all the requirements set forth in ORS 336.631 and 336.637. Exemption from Compulsory Education for home schooling is not alternative placement. Unless the student is 18 years or older, the parent is responsible for enrollment.

All schools which are funded through either district or state funds will remain under the jurisdiction of the district, be regulated by the policies of the Board and be supervised by administrators employed by the district, unless the state or federal funds are designated specifically by the funding agency for a private alternative school.

In alternative schools where the district is in a cooperative partnership with other public and private agencies, the policies and guidelines of the agency awarding credit and/or diplomas will be the responsible agency.

The district shall pay the actual alternative program cost or an amount equal to 80 percent of the state school fund per-pupil allocation, whichever is less. The district will enter into a written contract with the alternative programs.

Students, upon parent request, may be placed in an alternative program if the district determines that the placement serves the student's educational needs and interests. 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.

If a parent receives an exemption 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, there is no obligation on the part of the district to propose or fund a second alternative.

General notification of the alternative education law shall be contained in the student/parent handbook distributed each year.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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