

Ashland School District 5

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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 and the community in recommending alternative education programs for Board approval. Annual evaluation of alternative education programs will be made in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.655 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-1350. The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this requirement.

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. A qualified district may contract with a qualified private alternative education provider to offer services to a qualified home-schooled child.

Students, 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 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. 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 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 336.014](#)

[ORS 336.175](#)

[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 581-022-2320](#)

[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

JEA - Compulsory Attendance

JGEA - Alternative Education Programs Following Expulsion