

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CODE: IGBH

General notification of the alternative education law shall be contained in the student/parent/guardian handbook distributed each year. Notice to these parties may also occur by mailing a copy of the district policy to the home of the students.

Individual notification to students and parents or guardians regarding the appropriate alternative education programs will be given:

1. When two or more severe disciplinary problems occur within a three-year period (severe disciplinary problems will be defined in the code of conduct);
2. When attendance is so erratic the student is not benefiting from the educational program (erratic attendance will be defined on a case-by-case basis);
3. When a student's parent or emancipated student applies for exemption from attendance on a semi-annual basis;
4. When an expulsion is being considered for reasons other than a weapons policy violation;
5. When a student is expelled for reasons other than a weapons policy violation.

This individual notification of potential alternatives will be hand delivered or sent by certified mail to assure that the parent/guardian has received it prior to the time of actual expulsion. This letter will specify the student action(s) which is the basis for consideration of alternative education.

Appropriate programs may be either public or private (non-sectarian). The local school board shall approve public or private programs contracted by the district. Programs may be provided by the district as a separate school, evening classes or tutorial instruction. Home schooling by the parent is not an alternative placement. Alternative education programs must meet all of the requirements set forth in OAR 581-21-045.

Under the provision of ORS 339.253 if a child who is being considered for alternative education is determined to be eligible for special education under Oregon law, the program must be approved by the Department of Education prior to the placement of the child in that program.

The district is obligated to pay for the alternative education program at an amount that is up to 80% of the district's estimated current average per pupil net operating expenditure. The district shall provide or pay for transportation. The district will enter into a written contract for services provided out-of-district.

If a student, sixteen years or older, withdraws from the school, the district will provide the same documentation of alternative education programs. However, the district has no obligation to pay for such programs.

If the student is not successful in the alternative education program there is no obligation to fund a second alternative.

END OF POLICY

Legal References: ORS 339.250 - 339.253

OAR 581-23-006: Student Accounting - State Reporting

OAR 581-22-008: Accounts Receivable for Alternative Education

OAR 581-21-045: Discrimination Prohibited

OAR 581-21-071: District Information to Parents and Students on
Alternative Education

OAR 581-22-317: Allowable Credit for Alternative Education

OAR 581-22-502: Required Days of Instruction

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