

Alternative Learning Experience Programs

The Board authorizes the creation of an alternative learning experience (ALE) program. The District will make available to students enrolled in an alternative learning experience program educational opportunities designed to meet their individual needs. The District will comply with all program requirements necessary to count an ALE as a course of study and ensure state funding for ALE students.

ALE programs may include, but are not limited to:

- On-line programs as defined in RCW 28A.150.262;
- Parent partnership programs that include significant participation and partnership by parents and families in the design and implementation of a student's learning experience; and
- Contract-based learning programs.

The Board will adopt and annually review written policies authorizing alternative learning experiences, including each alternative learning experience program and program provider. The policy must designate, by title, one or more school District official(s) responsible for overseeing the District's alternative learning experience courses or programs.

The District establishes the following alternative program(s) *<alternative learning experience program name(s) and program provider(s) here >* provided on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, as defined in WAC 392-121-182. The school District official(s) responsible for this (these) program(s) is(are) *< Insert the name(s) of the District's official(s) here >*.

The school District official responsible for overseeing each ALE program will report at least annually to the Board. This annual report will include at least the following:

- (a) Documentation of ALE student headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment claimed for basic education funding;
- (b) Identification of the overall ratio of certificated instructional staff to full-time equivalent students enrolled in each ALE program;
- (c) A description of how the program supports the District's overall goals and objectives for student academic achievement; and
- (d) Results of any self-evaluations.

The District will submit an annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction detailing the costs and purposes of any expenditures made to purchase or contract for instructional or co-curricular experiences and services that are included in an ALE written student learning plan, along with the substantially similar experiences or services made available to students enrolled in the District's regular instructional program.

The superintendent is directed to develop procedures consistent with WAC 392-121-182 to govern the administration of the District's ALE program.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.262	Defining full-time equivalent student — Students receiving instruction through alternative learning experience online programs — Requirements — Rules.
	RCW 28A.150.305	Alternative educational service providers — Student eligibility.
	RCW 28A.250.050	Student access to online courses and online learning programs — Policies and procedures — Dissemination of information — Development of local or regional online learning programs.
	WAC 392-121-107	Definition-Course of study
	WAC 392-121-182	Alternative Learning Experience
	WAC 392-121-188	Instruction provided under contract
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2011	Alternative Learning Experience

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