

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

The board authorizes the creation of an alternative learning experience (ALE) courses. The district will make available to students enrolled in an alternative learning experience courses 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 courses and program provider. The Assistant Superintendent will be responsible for overseeing the district's alternative learning experience courses or programs.

The district establishes TEAM High School and Lewis River Academy as alternative learning experience programs, providing instruction on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, as defined in WAC 392-121-182. The District shall designate one or more official responsible for each of these programs.

The Assistant Superintendent is responsible for approving specific alternative learning experience programs or courses, monitoring compliance with WAC 392-121-182 and reporting following each school year to the board of directors on the program. The annual report shall contain 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.

In addition to TEAM High School, and Lewis River Academy, the District participates in, and provides students access to, the The Bridges Academy, a cooperative program offered by the Clark County Skills Center and the Clark County Community Network. The Bridges Academy program operates in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations in offering a di-

ploma that meets the minimum state graduation requirements through the Woodland School District. Students earning a diploma through Bridges Academy will not be eligible to participate in the Lewis River Academy, TEAM or Woodland High School commencement ceremonies.

However, if the student meets the credit requirements of Lewis River Academy, TEAM or Woodland High School they will be allowed to participate in the appropriate ceremony.

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

Cross References:	Board Policy 2020 Board Policy 2024	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials Online Learning
Legal Reference:	RCW 28A.150.262 RCW 28A.150.305 RCW 28A.150.325 RCW 28A.250.050 WAC 392-121-107 WAC 392-121-182 WAC 392-121-188	Defining full-time equivalent student—Students receiving instruction through alternative learning experience online programs—Requirements—Rules. Alternative educational service providers—Student eligibility. Alternative learning experience programs—Generally—Rules Student access to online courses and online learning programs—Policies and procedures—Dissemination of information—Development of local or regional online learning programs. Definition-Course of study Alternative Learning Experience Instruction provided under contract
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2011	Alternative Learning Experience

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