

Alternative Learning Experience Courses

The board authorizes the creation of alternative learning experience (ALE) courses. The district will make available to students enrolled in an ALE courses 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. If a student enrolls in an ALE course already offered within the district, then a written letter of request and a conference with the principal and counselor is required. This conference does not guarantee an ALE placement.

ALE programs may include, but are not limited to:

- A. On-line programs as defined in [RCW 28A.250.010](#);
- B. 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
- C. Contract-based learning courses.

The board will adopt and annually review written policies authorizing ALE courses, including each ALE course and course provider. The policy must designate, by title, one or more school district official(s) responsible for overseeing the district's ALE courses.

The district establishes the following alternative courses(s) provided on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, as defined in [WAC 392-121-182](#):

The school district official responsible for overseeing each ALE course 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 course; the number of certificated staff in each ALE program;
- C. A description of how the course 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 courses.

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Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.305 Alternative educational service providers
— Student eligibility.
RCW 28A.232.010 Alternative learning experience courses —
Generally — Rules — Reports.
RCW 28A.250.050 Student access to online courses and
online learning programs — Policies and procedures —
Course credit — 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
requirements
WAC 392-121-188 Instruction provided under contract

Management Resources:

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