

Alternative Learning Experience Courses

The board authorizes the creation of alternative learning experience (ALE) courses, as defined in the procedure which accompanies this policy.

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.

ALE programs may include the following types of courses as defined in RCW 28A.232.010:

- A. Online courses (*See Policy 2024, Online Learning*);
- B. Remote courses; and
- C. Site-based 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](#):

English: English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
Science: General Science, Biology, Environmental Science
Math: Algebra, Geometry, Consumer Math
Social Studies: Pacific Northwest History, World History, Civics, U.S. History, CWP,
Health and Fitness: Health, Physical Education
Arts: Art History
Electives: Everyday Life Skills, Economics, Career Exploration, Listening Comprehension

The school district official(s) responsible for this (these) course(s) is/are:

Daniel Martell, Superintendent;
Aaron Cummings: Ephrata High School Principal;
Sharon Scellick; Ephrata High School Assistant Principal

Reporting Requirements

A. Annual Report to the Board of Directors

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:

1. Documentation of ALE student headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment claimed for basic education funding;
2. 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 course;

3. A description of how the course supports the district's overall goals and objectives for student academic achievement; and
4. Results of any self-evaluations.

B. Monthly Report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

The district must report monthly to the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

1. Accurate monthly headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment for students enrolled in alternative learning experiences; and
2. Information about the resident and serving districts of such students.

C. Annual Report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

The district must 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.

D. Annual Report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

The district must report annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

1. the number of certificated instructional staff full-time equivalent assigned to each alternative learning experience program; and
2. enrollment of students (separately identified) where ALE instruction is provided entirely under contract pursuant to RCW 28A.150.305 and WAC 392-121-188.

Assessment Requirements:

All students enrolled in alternative learning experience courses or course work must be assessed at least annually, using, for full-time students, the state assessment for the student's grade level and using any other annual assessments required by the district.

Part-time students must also be assessed at least annually. However, part-time students who are either receiving home-based instruction under Chapter [28A.200](#), RCW or who are enrolled in an approved private school under Chapter [28A.195](#), RCW are not required to participate in the assessments required under Chapter [28A.655](#), RCW.

Any student whose alternative learning experience enrollment is claimed as greater than 0.8 full-time equivalent in any one month through the January count date must be included by the district in any required state or federal accountability reporting for that school year, subject to existing state and federal accountability rules and procedures.

Students enrolled in nonresident district alternative learning experience courses or course work who are unable to participate in required annual state assessments at the nonresident district must have the opportunity to participate in such required annual state assessments at the district of physical residence, subject to that district's planned testing schedule. It is the responsibility of the nonresident enrolling district to establish a written agreement with the district of physical residence that facilitates all necessary coordination between the districts and with the student and, where appropriate, the student's parent(s) to fulfill this requirement. Such coordination may include:

- arranging for appropriate assessment materials;
- notifying the student of assessment administration schedules;
- arranging for the forwarding of completed assessment materials to the enrolling district for submission for scoring and reporting; and
- arranging for any allowable testing accommodations, and other steps as may be necessary.

