Procedure Alternative Learning Experience Courses

General Guidelines

- Alternative learning experience (ALE) means a course or, for grades kindergarten through eight, grade-level course work, that is a delivery method of basic education and is provided in whole or in part independently from a regular classroom setting or schedule, but may include components of direct instruction;
- ALE courses are supervised, monitored, assessed, evaluated and documented by a certificated teacher employed or contracted by the school district.
- ALE courses are provided in accordance with a written student learning plan.
- ALE courses and programs are implemented pursuant to the district's policy and WAC 392-121-182.

Student Eligibility

- ALE courses will be available to all students, including students with disabilities.

Student Performance

- Students participating in ALE will be evaluated monthly by a certificated instructional staff, or, for students whose written student learning plans include only online classes, school based support staff, to track student progress toward completion and to establish whether an intervention plan should be developed, in accordance with WAC 392-121-182.
- The methods for determining satisfactory progress shall be outlined in the written student learning plan and may include:
    - Progress grades;
    - Assignment completion rates;
    - Non-academic factors such as attendance, attitude, and behavior; and
    - Local school expectations.

Student Responsibilities

- Students enrolled in an ALE program must meet the contract requirements defined in WAC 392-121-182.

Parent Responsibilities

- Upon receipt of the district's description of the difference between home-based instruction and ALE, the parent must sign documentation attesting that he/she understands the difference.

District Verification of Student Work

- The district will use reliable methods to verify a student is doing his or her own work. These include, but are not limited to:
    - Proctored examinations
    - Proctored projects
    - In-person presentations
    - Real-time presentations using videoconference technology.

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