

Alternative Learning Experience Courses

The board authorizes the creation of an alternative learning experience (ALE) courses.

The district will make available to students enrolled in an ALE course 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:

- A. Online courses as defined in RCW 28A. 232.010;

Remote courses;

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 board shall approve all alternative program(s) provided on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, as defined in WAC 392-121-182:

Contract Learning Center; other ALE programs as approved by the board.

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

Contract Learning Principal; Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations;
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning;

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 course; The number of certificated instructional staff in each ALE program;
- C. A description of how the program supports the district's overall goals and objectives for student academic achievement; and

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

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

The district must report all required information to the office of superintendent of public instruction's Comprehensive Education Data and Research System under RCW 28A.300.500, including designating alternative learning experience courses as such when reporting course information to the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System.

The district will submit an annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction detailing the number of certificated instructional staff full-time equivalent assigned to each alternative learning program; and enrollment of students (separately identified) where ALE instructions is provided entirely under contract pursuant to RCW 28A.150.305 and WAC 392-121-188 and 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.

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 whose ALE enrollment is claimed as greater than 0.8 FTE 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. 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](#).

Valid Justification for Missed Contact

Valid justifications why a student may miss the weekly contact requirements of ALE for the purpose of truancy include those outlined in Excused absences WAC 392-401-020 and in policy 3122.

If the district has additional locally determined valid justifications unique to the ALE setting, list here: Illness, family emergencies, death in the family, job requirements;

The superintendent is directed to develop procedures consistent with WAC 392 550 to govern the administration of the district's ALE program.

Cross References:	Model Policy 2020 of Instructional Materials	Curriculum Development and Adoption
	Model Policy 2024	Online Learning
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.150.325	Alternative learning experience programs – Generally – Rules
	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:

Policy News, October 2011

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