## **Policy #2255**

Alternative Learning Experience Programs

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The boards authorize the creation of an alternative learning experience (ALE) program. The districts will make available to students enrolled in an ALE program educational opportunities designed to meet their individual needs. The districts 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. On-line programs as defined in RCW 28A.150.262;
- 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 programs.

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

The districts establish the following alternative program(s) provided on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, as defined in WAC 392-121-182: The American Academy and Odessey Ware. The school district official(s) responsible for these programs is/are the building principal(s).

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. 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
  - D. Results of any self-evaluations.

The districts 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 program.

Cross References: Materials	Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional
	Policy 2024	Online Learning
Legal References: instruction through a	RCW 28A.150. 262 Iternative	Defining full-time equivalent student — Students receiving
		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
— Policies and proce	RCW 28A.250.050 edures	Student access to online courses and online learning programs
regional online learning		— Dissemination of information — Development of local or
		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 2012	Alternative Learning Experience

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