Alternative Learning Experience Courses

The board may authorize the creation of an alternative learning experience (ALE) courses. The district may make available to students enrolled in ALE courses educational opportunities designed to meet their individual needs. If offered the district will comply with all requirements necessary to count 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 courses 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 periodically 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.

If the district chooses to establish alternative course(s) either on site or over the internet or by other electronic means, it will follow guidelines as defined in WAC 392-121-182.

The school district official responsible for overseeing each ALE course will periodically report to the board. This report may include 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 course;
   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.

Cross References: Model Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
                  Model Policy 2024 Online Learning

Legal References: RCW 28A.150.305 Alternative educational service providers — Student eligibility.
                  RCW 28A.232.010 Alternative learning experience courses — Generally – Rules - Reports
Policy No. 2255
Instruction

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
WAC 392-121-188  Instruction provided under contract

Management Resources:
Policy & Legal News, February 2014  Other Updates/Corrections
Policy & Legal News, February 2013  Corrections
Policy News, October 2012  Alternative Learning Experience
Policy News, October 2011  Alternative Learning Experience

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