

## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Board is committed to providing a quality school & program for every student as well as other district educational options. Bend-LaPine School District Educational Options are defined as either a school, program, magnet, public charter school, or contracted alternative education option. The Board believes that all of these educational options contribute to the health of the district and the community.

The Board's intent is to provide an opportunity for all students to apply to educational options within the Bend-La Pine Public School District, promote equity and diversity in the admission of students to educational options and minimize barriers to participation in educational options.

The Board will set criteria for needed alternative education programs based upon student need and district resources. To be considered as an alternative educational program, the program will be unique, distinct and currently not offered in the Bend -La Pine School District. The purposeful development of a variety of educational options is through the cooperative efforts of the district, educators, students, their families and the community.

This policy does not address the establishment and operation of special education and English Language Learner (ELL) programs, which are governed by other district policies. Bend LaPine educational options are open to all students, including ELL and special education program participants, and are consistent with free and appropriate public education and IDEA requirements. The district shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations

The board shall be informed, in an ongoing and timely fashion, of the progress of all educational options proposals.

The Board shall have final approval of all proposals for the establishment of new educational options and the renewal or termination of and changes to the mission of an educational option. Approval of educational options shall be contingent on funding availability.

The Board shall evaluate educational options on an established cycle, consistent with district objectives, other district policies, and statutory requirements and make a recommendation for an educational option's continuation, continuation with modification, or termination.

The Board, before contracting with a private alternative education program ("PAEP"), shall determine that the PAEP is registered with the Department of Education, annually approve the PAEP and that the PAEP is complying with applicable laws and the standards established by the Department of Education.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY -----

Legal References: ORS 327.006(8), ORS 329.485, ORS 336.615-665, ORS 338.005(2),  
ORS 339.250(9)