

BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS

Administrative School District No. 1

Deschutes County, Oregon

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

Name: Expanded Options Program

Section: Instruction

Code: IGBHE-AR

The Board is committed to providing additional options for high school students to continue or complete their education, to earn concurrent high school and college credit and to gain early entry into post-secondary education. As part of that commitment, the District offers an Expanded Options Program (EOP).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the EOP includes the following:

1. To create a seamless education system for students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 to
 - a. Have additional options to continue or complete their education;
 - b. Earn concurrent high school and college credits; and
 - c. Gain early entry into post-secondary education.
2. To promote and support existing accelerated college credit programs and to support the development of new programs that are unique to a community's secondary and post-secondary relationships and resources;
3. To allow eligible students who participate in the EOP to enroll full-time or part-time in an eligible post-secondary institution during the regular school year (summers excluded).;
4. To provide public funding to the eligible post-secondary institutions for educational services to eligible students to offset the cost of tuition, fees, textbooks, equipment and materials for students who participate in the EOP; and
5. To increase the number of at-risk students earning college credits or preparing to enroll in a post-secondary institution.

ELIGIBILITY

A student is eligible to participate in the District's EOP if the student is enrolled in Bend-La Pine Schools and:

1. Is 16 years of age or older at the time of enrollment in a course under the EOP;
2. Is in grade 11 or 12 or has not yet completed the required credits for grade 11 or 12 but the district has allowed the student to participate in the program;
3. Has developed an educational learning plan as described in ORS 340.025;
4. Has not yet successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma.

Foreign exchange students and home-school students not registered with Bend-La Pine Schools are not eligible for the District's EOP.

To participate in the EOP, an eligible student must apply to and be accepted by an eligible post-secondary institution. An eligible student must also maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the post-secondary institution, such as not failing or not completing a course. A student who does not

maintain satisfactory academic progress in a course may not receive credit towards high school graduation, and may not be allowed to remain in or re-enroll in the EOP.

An eligible post-secondary Institution is a community college, a state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002, and the Oregon Health and Science University.

An eligible post-secondary course is any nonsectarian course or program offered through an eligible post-secondary institution if the course or program may lead to high school completion, a certificate, professional certification, associate degree or baccalaureate degree. It does not include duplicate course which is defined as a course with a scope that is identical to the scope of another course. The District will establish a process to determine duplicate course designations which includes the right of a student to appeal such a determination.

NOTIFICATION

Eligible students and their parents will be notified by February 15 of each year of the EOP for the following year. High school transfer students and returning dropouts will be notified if they enroll after February 15, and will have 20 business days from the date of enrollment to indicate interest in the EOP.

Prior to May 15 of each year, students who are interested in participating in the EOP shall notify the District of their intent to enroll in the EOP during the following school year.

ENROLLMENT LIMITATIONS

Enrollment in the EOP may be limited because of caps on the total credit hours that a high school has available to award each year. If the number of eligible students at a high school exceeds credit cap for that high school, the District will establish a selection process that gives priority to at-risk students. An at-risk student is a student who either qualifies for a free or reduced lunch program, or meets state or federal thresholds for poverty which entitles the student for services under certain provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act.

A student may participate in the EOP for no more than two years. A student who first enrolls in the EOP in grade 12 may not enroll in post-secondary courses for more than the equivalent of one academic year. Summer sessions are not counted for credit under the EOP.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Students enrolled in the EOP are not eligible for state student financial aid, but students may apply to the District for reimbursement for any textbooks, fees, equipment or materials paid for by the student that are required for an eligible post-secondary course. All textbooks, fees, equipment and materials provided to an eligible student and paid for under this Administrative Regulation and ORS 340.045 are the property of the District.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The District shall provide any required special education and related services for a special education student enrolled in the EOP.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Eligible post-secondary institutions cannot release information about a students' grades, attendance or classroom behavior to anyone other than the student without a Release of Information signed by the student or parent. However, in order for college course work to count toward high school graduation

requirements, the District must obtain information from the post-secondary institution to confirm satisfactory completion of the EOP courses.

Legal References:

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