

Section: **INSTRUCTION**

Procedure Title: **Alternative Learning Experience Programs**

Definitions

- A. Alternative learning experience (ALE) means a course or, for grades kindergarten through eight, grade-level course work, that is a delivery method of basic education and:
1. Is provided in whole or in part independently from a regular classroom setting or schedule, but may include components of direct instruction;
 2. Are supervised, monitored, assessed, evaluated and documented by a certificated teacher employed or contracted by the school district.
 3. Are provided in accordance with a written student learning plan that is implemented pursuant to the district's policy and Chapter 392-121,WAC.
- B. Online courses are courses or grade level coursework where:
1. More than half of the course content is delivered electronically using the internet or other computer-based methods;
 2. More than half of the teaching is conducted from a remote location through an online course learning management system or other online or electronic tools;
 3. A certificated teacher has the primary responsibility for the student's instructional interaction. Instruction interaction between the teacher and the student includes, but is not limited to, direct instruction, review of assignments, assessment, testing, progress monitoring, and educational facilitation; and
 4. Students have access to the teacher synchronously, asynchronously, or both.
- C. Remote course means an alternative learning experience course or course work that is not an online course where the student has in-person instructional contact time for less than twenty percent of the total weekly time for the course.
- D. Site-based course means an alternative learning experience course or course work that is not an online course where the student has in-person instructional contact time for at least twenty percent of the total weekly time for the course.

Student Eligibility:

- A. ALE courses will be available to all students, including students with disabilities.

- B. All students in grade 8-12 are eligible to participate in ALE programs.
- C. Students who wish to enroll in an ALE program must satisfy the following additional eligibility criteria:
 - A. Must be a resident of the Kelso School District

Student Performance:

- A. Students participating in ALE will be evaluated monthly by a certificated instructional staff, or, for students whose written student learning plans include only online classes, school based support staff, to track student progress toward completion and to establish whether an intervention plan should be developed, in accordance with WAC 392-121-183.
- B. The methods for determining satisfactory progress shall be outlined in the written student learning plan and may include:
 - 1. Progress grades;
 - 2. Assignment completion rates;
 - 3. Non-academic factors such as attendance, attitude, and behavior; and
 - 4. Local school expectations.

Student Responsibilities:

- A. Students enrolled in an ALE program must meet the contact requirements defined WAC 392-121-182.

Parent Responsibilities:

- A. Upon receipt of the district's description of the difference between home-based instruction and ALE, the parent must sign documentation attesting that he/she understands the difference.

District Verification of Student Work:

The district will use reliable methods to verify a student is doing his or her own work. These include, but are not limited to:

- A. Proctored examinations
- B. Proctored projects
- C. In-person presentations
- D. Real-time presentations using videoconference technology

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